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ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS CANADA 1916

Masonic Calendar

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.L.), "in the year of light."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel ANNO INVENTIONIS (A. INV.), "in the year of the discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. DEP.), "in the year of the deposit."

Scottish Rite same as Ancient Craft, except that Jewish chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A. M.), "in the year of the world."

Knights Templars commence their era from the organization of their Order, ANNO ORDINIS (A. O.), "in the year of the Order."

Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—

Add 4000 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1916 and 4000=5916.

ROYAL ARCH—

Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1916 and 530=2446.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Add 1000 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1916 and 1000=2916.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Add 3760 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1916 and 3760=5676.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS—

From the vulgar era take 1119. Thus: 1119 from 1916=797.

WILLIAM S. R. MURCH
KINGSTON, ONT.

M. Ex. Grand First Principal Z.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

GRAND CHAPTER

of

ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA

at the

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

A.D. 1916 A.I. 2446

HELD IN

THE MASONIC HALL, TEMPLE BUILDING
CITY OF TORONTO, ONTARIO

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, A. D. 1916
A. L. 5916, A. I. 2446

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL CHAPTERS AND PRESERVED

WILLIAM S. R. MURCH, Kingston, Ont.,
Grand Z.

HENRY T. SMITH, Toronto, Ont.,
Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AT THE FIFTY--EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, TEMPLE BUILDING, CITY OF TORONTO, ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, A.I. 2446, A.D. 1916.

PRESENT.

M. Ex. Comp.	W. S. R. Murch	Grand Z.	Grand Council.
R. " "	A. S. Gorrell	Grand H.	
M. " "	F. W. Harcourt	Actg. Grand J.	
R. " "	Henry T. Smith	Acting Grand Scribe E.	
R. " "	J. J. Hoidge	Grand Scribe N.	
M. " "	George Moore	Grand Treasurer.	
R. " "	W. S. Milne	as Grand Principal Sojourner.	
R. " "	W. S. Ormiston	as Grand Registrar.	
V. " "	A. H. Lougheed	Grand Senior Sojourner.	
" "	H. Shelley	Grand Junior Sojourner.	
R. " "	James B. Nixon	Grand Lecturer	
" "	L. E. Bowerman	as Grand Sword Bearer.	
" "	S. P. Ward	Grand Master of 1st Veil.	
" "	J. J. Shelley	Grand Master of 2nd Veil.	
V. " "	A. Macoomb	Grand Master of 3rd Veil.	
" "	R. E. Porte	Grand Master of 4th Veil.	
" "	H. S. McHenry	Grand Standard Bearer.	
" "	B. Cairns	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.	
"	E. R. Bowles	Grand Organist.	
" "	D. Colman	Grand Pursuivant.	
" "	W. N. Brown	Grand Steward.	
" "	Ed. Smith	Grand Steward.	
" "	Robt. W. H. Currie	Grand Steward.	
" "	J. H. McDougall	Grand Steward.	
" "	D. J. Proctor	Grand Steward.	
" "	H. Eversfield	Grand Steward.	
" "	W. J. Wadsworth	Grand Steward.	
" "	J. W. Rogers	Grand Steward.	
" "	J. E. Cameron	Grand Steward.	
" "	G. F. Weston	Grand Steward.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. Ex. Comp.	W. A. Baker	St. Clair	Dist. No. 1
R. " "	W. L. MacWhinnie	Wilson	" " 3
R. " "	W. D. McLellan	Wellington	" " 4
R. " "	W. H. Ballard	Hamilton	" " 5

R. Ex. Comp.	S. J. Mallion	Huron	Dist.	No. 6
R. " "	G. E. Parkes	Niagara	"	" 7
R. " "	W. J. McCollum	Toronto	"	" 8
R. " "	J. F. Zimmerman	Georgian	"	" 9
R. " "	G. N. Peebles	Ontario	"	" 10
R. " "	J. McC. Potts	Prince Edward	"	" 11
R. " "	W. H. Waddell	St. Lawrence	"	" 12
R. " "	Alfred L. Conners	Ottawa	"	" 13
R. " "	T. M. Ferguson	Manitoba	"	" 15a
R. " "	R. G. Campbell	New Ontario	"	" 20

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10 o'clock a.m.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and proxies from Chapters, reported that there were 174 warranted Chapters and 2 under dispensation on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which 119 were represented by the following Companions:

No. 1. *Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.*

V. Ex. Comps. W. Y. Mills, M. Ex. Comps. W. S. R. Murch, Abraham Shaw, P.Z.'s.

No. 2. *The Hiram, Hamilton.*

Ex. Comps. J. H. Schrader, Z.; W. H. Wardrope, A. G. Bain, D. R. Gibson, D. W. Evans, Alexander Odell, James Dixon; V. Ex. Comp. G. H. Lanigan; R. Ex. Comp. Frank Hills; M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, P.Z.'s.

No. 3. *St. John's, London.*

Ex. Comp. W. R. Bishop; R. Ex. Comps. A. E. Cooper, O. Ellwood, P.Z.'s.

No. 4. *St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.*

Ex. Comps. H. Eversfield, Z.; W. G. Price, H.; J. W. Rogers, J. T. Lester, C. B. Mulholland.; V. Ex. Comps. Joseph King, James G. Boyce.; R. Ex. Comps. R. W. Clewlo, Henry T. Smith, P.Z.'s.

No. 5. *St. George's, London.*

Ex. Comps. G. E. Logan, Z.; Edwin Smith, H.; T. P. Elliott, P.Z.

No. 6. *St. John's, Hamilton.*

Ex. Comps. S. E. Forbes, H.; H. A. MacKay, T. A. Hayhurst, J. F. McDonald; V. Ex. Comps J. F. Mercer, George Britton; R. Ex. Comps. T. McCallum, A. T. Freed, W. Birrell; M. Ex. Comp. W. G. Reid, P.Z.'s.

No. 7. *The Moira, Belleville.*

Ex. Comp. J. O. R. McCurdy, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, P.Z.

No. 8. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*

Ex. Comps. L. E. Bowerman, Z.; A. L. Tinker, H.; W. H. Woodstock, J. W. Johnston, C. H. B. Johnston, W. J. Ramsay, A. Davis.; V. Ex. Comps. A. H. Lougheed, W. A. Lyon, Joseph Doust.; R. Ex. Comps. E. T. Malone, W. H. Shaw, E. M. Carleton, J. B. Nixon; M. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, P.Z.'s.

No. 15. *Wawanosh, Sarnia.*

Ex. Comps. Edward C. Lawrence, Z.; Alex. Saunders, Isaac Newton, D. S. Clark; R. Ex. Comp. John Boyd, P.Z.'s.

No. 16. *Carleton, Ottawa.*

Ex. Comps. R. W. H. Curry (proxy), J. C. Scott; R. Ex. Comps. S. A. Luke, W. Rae, P.Z.'s.

No. 18. *Oxford, Woodstock.*

Ex. Comp. R. D. Montgomery, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. W. L. MacWhinnie, P.Z.

No. 19. *Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*

R. Ex. Comp. A. N. Lindsay (proxy), P.Z.

No. 20. *Mount Horeb, Brantford.*

Ex. Comps. Wm. Wylie, Z.; G. A. Woodside, H.; F. S. Blain, Angus Campbell; V. Ex. Comp. R. A. Rastell, P.Z.'s.

No. 23. *Ezra, Simcoe.*

Ex. Comp. James S. Shaw, Z.

No. 24. *Tecumseh, Stratford.*

Ex. Comp. Frank A. Copus, Z.; R. Ex. Comps. John Stevenson, S. J. Mallion, P.Z.'s.

No. 26. *St. Mark's, Trenton.*

R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer (proxy), P.Z.

No. 27. *Manitou, Collingwood.*

Ex. Comps. J. A. Patterson, Z.; F. B. Gregory, W. H. Whipps; R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Zimmerman, P.Z.'s.

No. 29. *McCallum, Dunnville.*

Ex. Comps. C. A. M. Thrush, Z.; J. E. Yocom; R. Ex. Comp. G. E. Parkes, P.Z.'s.

No. 30. *Huron, Goderich.*
Ex. Comps. A. A. Lawson, W. F. Gallow, P.Z.'s.

No. 31. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
Ex. Comp. S. B. Georing, Z.

No. 32. *Waterloo, Galt.*
Ex. Comp. T. F. Campbell, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Cowan.

No. 34. *Signet, Barrie.*
Ex. Comps. J. B. Barr, Z., J. W. Merrick; R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan; M. Ex. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, P.Z.'s.

No. 35. *Keystone, Whitby.*
Ex. Comps. G. W. P. Every, Z., W. M. Vanvalkenburg, P.Z.

No. 36. *Corinthian, Peterborough.*
Ex. Comps. J. E. L. Goodwill, Z., R. S. Cotton, P.Z.

No. 37. *Victoria, Port Hope.*
Ex. Comp. J. W. Sanders (proxy), P.Z.

No. 40. *Guelph, Guelph.*
Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. T. C. Rundell, H.

No. 41. *Harris, Ingersoll.*
Ex. Comp. J. L. Revell (proxy), P.Z.

No. 45. *Excelsior, Colborne.*
Ex. Comp. W. N. McDougall, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. G. N. Peebles, P.Z.

No. 46. *St. James', St. Mary's.*
Ex. Comp. O. R. Burns, Z.

No. 47. *Wellington, Chatham.*
Ex. Comps. D. W. McDonald, Z.; A. E. Green, H.; J. C. Stewart, J.; V. Ex. Comp. J. G. Martin, P.Z.

No. 48. *St. John's, Cobourg.*
Ex. Comps. T. B. Lapp, Z.; J. H. Purdy, P.Z.

No. 52. *Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.*
Ex. Comp. W. N. Brown (proxy), P.Z.

No. 53. *Bruce, Petrolia.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. Sinclair, P.Z.

No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
Ex. Comps. W. C. Forbes, Z.; T. L. Cochrane, P.Z.

No. 58. *Pembroke, Mattawa.*
R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel (proxy), P.Z.

No. 59. *Sussex, Brockville.*

Ex. Comps. R. J. Dunn, Z.; A. L. Stein, P.Z.

No. 60. *Doric, Newmarket.*

Ex. Comp. N. L. Rogers (proxy), P.Z.

No. 61. *Granite, Almonte.*

V. Ex. Comp. W. C. Pollock (proxy), P.Z.

No. 62. *York, Toronto.*

Ex. Comps. E. C. Coath, Z.; W. C. Norman, H.; M. Engers, J.; James Ward, A. J. Brown, J. J. Maddon, G. E. Post.; V. Ex. Comps. D. Robertson, Wm. Duncan; R. Ex. Comps. George McLeish, R. W. Hull, R. J. Gibson, P.Z.'s.

No. 63. *Havelock, Kincardine.*

Ex. Comp. W. Hay, Z.

No. 64. *Willson, Welland.*

Ex. Comps. R. C. Douglas, Z.; J. C. Gothard, J.

No. 65. *St. Paul's, Toronto.*

Ex. Comps. John E. Cameron, Z.; E. J. B. Duncan, R. J. Reade; R. Ex. Comps. W. J. McCollum, L. F. Riggs, Benjamin Allen, E. B. Brown, K. J. Dunstan, D. Ponton, C. W. Postlethwaite; M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, P.Z.'s

No. 66. *The Malloch, Seaforth.*

R. Ex. Comp. R. E. Cooper (proxy), P.Z.

No. 67. *Enterprise, Harriston.*

Ex. Comps. M. W. Yeo, Z.; A. L. Patterson; R. Ex. Comp. W. D. McLellan, P.Z.'s.

No. 68. *Maitland, N. Augusta.*

R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Waddell (proxy), J. and P.Z.

No. 69. *Grimsby, Grimsby.*

Ex. Comps. J. H. Alway, Z.; C. T. Farrell, P.Z.

No. 70. *Grand River, Bracebridge.*

Ex. Comp. W. H. Brown, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Isaac Huber, P.Z.

No. 71. *Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.*

V. Ex. Comp. E. A. Patton (proxy), P.Z.

No. 72. *Keystone, Stirling.*

Ex. Comp. J. A. Faulkner, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. J. McC. Potts, P.Z.

No. 73. *Erie, Ridgetown.*

Ex. Comp. S. H. Campbell, Z.; D. R. McDermid, P.Z.

No. 74. *Beaver, Strathroy.*
Ex. Comps. George McBeth (proxy), A. Rogers, P.Z.'s.

No. 75. *St. Clair, Milton.*
Ex. Comps. J. M. McKenzie, Z.; A. Armstrong, H.; J. D. McGibbon; R. Ex. Comp. W. Panton, P.Z.'s.

No. 76. *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.*
Ex. Comps. F. W. Swannell (proxy), C. W. Anderson, P.Z.'s.

No. 77. *Occident, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. T. B. Wells, Z.; W. B. Stoneham, D. J. Proctor; R. Ex. Comps. A. G. Horwood, J. W. Hickson, G. K. Clemens, E. J. Repath, P.Z.'s.

No. 79. *Orient, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. G. F. Weston, Z.; S. P. Ward (proxy), Joseph Poulton, Joshua Walford; R. Ex. Comps. F. M. Simpson, G. B. Foster, P.Z.'s.

No. 80. *Ark, Windsor.*
Ex. Comps. W. T. Turner, Z,; A. E. Edgar, P.Z.

No. 81. *Aylmer, Aylmer.*
Ex. Comp. E. O. Awde, Z.

No. 83. *Ionic, Orangeville.*
Ex. Comps. W. H. Bowles, Z.; A. E. Annis, H.; R. Robinson, J.; E. M. Still, J. Kilpatrick, J. H. Hulse, P.Z.'s.

No. 86. *Macpherson, Meaford.*
Ex. Comp. G. H. Hair (proxy), P.Z.

No. 88. *MacNabb, Dresden.*
Ex. Comps. E. Worth (proxy), N. Lindsay, P.Z.'s.

No. 90. *Golden, Kenora.*
Ex. Comp. H. S. Galloway (proxy), P.Z.

No. 91. *Antiquity, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. H. S. McHenry, Z.; E. J. Luttrell, H.; R. J. Hoidge, J.; R. E. Porte, P. K. Perry; R. Ex. Comps. J. J. Hoidge, W. S. Milne, G. G. Rowe, P.Z.'s.

No. 94. *Midland, Lindsay.*
Ex. Comp. R. H. Heels, Z.

No. 98. *Vancouver, Vancouver.*
M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt (proxy).

No. 99. *Keystone, Portage La Prairie.*
Ex. Comp. Jesse Smith (proxy).

No. 100. *St. Lawrence, Brockville.*
Ex. Comp. G. G. Grothier (proxy), P.Z.

No. 102. *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*
Ex. Comp. R. D. Gillespie, Z.; R. Ex. Comps. T. E. Simpson, R. G. Campbell, P.Z.'s.

No. 103. *St. John's, North Bay.*
Ex. Comps. R. Y. Angus, Z.; H. J. McAuslan, P.Z.

No. 112. *St. John's, Morrisburg.*
Ex. Comp. W. E. Thom, Z.

No. 113. *Covenant, Cornwall.*
Ex. Comp. A. O. Adams (proxy), P.Z.

No. 114. *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
Ex. Comps. J. C. Fraser, Z.; J. B. Ferguson, H.

No. 115. *Brant, Paris.*
Ex. Comp. Wm. Finlayson, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Logie, P.Z.

No. 116. *Maple, Carleton Place.*
R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, H.

No. 117. *Berlin, Berlin.*
Ex. Comps. J. A. Holman, H.; W. Downing; R. Ex. Comp. H. M. Cook, P.Z.'s.

No. 118. *North Star, Edmonton.*
Ex. Comp. H. L. McInnis, Z.

No. 119. *King Cyrus, Leamington.*
Ex. Comps. W. A. Woodiwiss, Z.; W. B. Clifford; R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Baker, P.Z.'s.

No. 121. *Wascana, Regina.*
R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell (proxy), P.Z.

No. 122. *Rossland, Rossland.*
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Ormiston (proxy).

No. 123. *Nelson, Nelson.*
V. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills (proxy).

No. 124. *Westminster, New Westminster.*
R. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Allen (proxy).

No. 125. *Rocky Mountain, Cranbrook.*
Ex. Comp. J. W. Rogers (proxy).

No. 127. *Keystone, Nanaimo.*
Ex. Comp. A. Macoomb (proxy).

No. 130. *Chantry, Southampton.*
Ex. Comp. P. J. Scott (proxy), P.Z.

No. 133. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
Ex. Comp. A. L. McGregor, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Conners, P.Z.

No. 135. *Succoth, Uxbridge.*
Ex. Comp. H. Shelley, J.; V. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Ormiston, P.Z.'s.

No. 138. *Shekinah, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. W. J. Sheppard, Z.; W. J. Wadsworth, Jesse Smith; V. Ex. Comp. G. W. Clendennan, P.Z.'s.

No. 139. *St. Andrew's, Havelock.*
Ex. Comp. Alex. Mathison (proxy), P.Z.

No. 140. *Fort William, Fort William.*
Ex. Comp. John Armstrong, Z.

No. 141. *Keystone, Brandon.*
M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw (proxy).

No. 143. *Glengarry, Maxville.*
Ex. Comp. G. H. McDougall, Z.

No. 144. *Presqu' Isle, Brighton.*
Ex. Comp. T. C. Lockwood (proxy), P.Z.

No. 145. *The St. Patrick, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. J. J. Shelley, Z.; W. J. Tow, H.; W. R. Ledger, J.; B. Cairns, T. H. Graham; V. Ex. Comp. J. A. Cowan, P.Z.'s.

No. 150. *London, London.*
Ex. Comp. L. A. Boss, Z.

No. 153. *Sombra, Sombra.*
Ex. Comps. N. B. Roach, Z.; W. R. Stokes, W. W. Stokes, P.Z.'s.

No. 154. *Klondike, Dawson.*
M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch (proxy).

No. 155. *Ancaster, Ancaster.*
Ex. Comps. G. A. Almas, Z.; J. H. Bates, P.Z.

No. 158. *Shekinah, Lethbridge.*
R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Horwood (proxy).

No. 160. *Prince Albert, Prince Albert.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon (proxy).

No. 161. *Madoc, Madoc.*
Ex. Comp. A. H. Watson (proxy), P.Z.

No. 162. *Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. McC. Potts (proxy).

No. 163. *The Beaches, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. J. R. Gregory, Z.; J. L. Gardiner, P.Z.

No. 165. *Saskatoon, Saskatoon.*
R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell (proxy).

No. 169. *Temiskaming, New Liskeard.*
Ex. Comp. L. A. Kennedy, Z.

No. 175. *The Hamilton, Hamilton.*
Ex. Comps. G. R. Lloyd, Z.; C. A. Herald, J.; John E. Riddell, W. H. Davis, R. Ex. Comps. H. S. Griffin, W. H. Ballard, P. Z.'s.

No. 176. *Bekah, Macleod.*
M. Ex. Comp. D. F. MacWatt (proxy).

No. 179. *Otuskwan, Calgary.*
R. Ex. Comp. W. T. Connell (proxy).

No. 181. *Battleford, Battleford.*
R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith (proxy).

No. 182. *Camosun, Victoria.*
M. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson (proxy).

No. 183. *Mount Sinai, Rivers.*
R. Ex. Comp. T. M. Ferguson (proxy), P.Z.

No. 185. *Toronto, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. D. Colman, Z.; John Brennan, V. Ex. Comp. A. Macoomb; R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Brennan, P.Z.'s.

No. 186. *Unity, Swift Current.*
R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Brennan (proxy).

No. 190. *Pacific, Vancouver.*
Ex. Comp. A. J. Brown (proxy).

No. 191. *North Vancouver, North Vancouver.*
R. Ex. Comp. L. F. Riggs (proxy).

No. 197. *Capital City, Edmonton.*
M. Ex. Comp. George Moore (proxy).

No. 198. *Couchiching, Orillia.*
Ex. Comp. W. H. Tudhope, Z.

No. 202. *Mount Olivet, Killam.*
Ex. Comp. F. E. Nichol, Z.

No. 203. *Cobalt, Cobalt.*
Ex. Comp. W. E. T. Barton, Z.

No. 204. *Norwood, Edmonton.*
Ex. Comp. W. E. Clark, Z.

No. 205. *Victoria, Thornhill.*
Ex. Comp. E. A. James, Z.

Seventy Chapters were represented by regular officers, 19 were represented by proxy, 30 were represented by Companions, making the total Chapters represented 119. Fifty-seven Chapters were unrepresented. There were 285 delegates registered, making a total of 530 votes.

Fraternally submitted,

D. H. McIntosh,
C. W. Haentschel,
R. W. Clewlo,
Committee.

On motion of R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. announced that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing and properly vouched for, would now be admitted as visitors during the sessions of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe N. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during the Convocation.

The Acting Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation, held in the City of London on Wednesday, February 24th, 1915, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved,—That as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 24th February, 1915, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. directed the Acting Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of representatives of sister Grand Chapters when he greeted them, and invited those in attendance to seats on the dais. The following answered to their names:

R. Ex. Comp.	William Rea	Alabama.
R. " "	William Birrell	Arizona.
M. " "	Abraham Shaw	Connecticut.
R. " "	R. W. Clewlo	District of Columbia.
R. " "	James H. Cowan	Florida.
R. " "	W. N. Ponton	Georgia.
M. " "	William G. Reid	Illinois.
R. " "	George Waugh	Indiana.
R. " "	C. W. Postlethwaite	Iowa.
R. " "	Henry T. Smith	Kentucky.
R. " "	Benjamin Allen	Maine.
R. " "	Oliver Ellwood	Minnesota.
R. " "	Alex. G. Horwood	Missouri.
R. " "	R. H. Spencer	Nebraska.
M. " "	W. S. R. Murch	New Hampshire.
R. " "	K. J. Dunstan	New Jersey.
M. " "	J. Ross Robertson	New York.
R. " "	R. W. Brennan	North Carolina.
M. " "	George Moore	Nova Scotia.
V. " "	Hugh A. MacKay	Ohio.
R. " "	Edward Worth	Oklahoma.
M. " "	F. W. Harcourt	Oregon.
M. " "	D. F. MacWatt	Quebec.
R. " "	A. E. Cooper	South Dakota.
R. " "	E. T. Malone	Texas.
R. " "	A. S. Gorrell	Utah.
R. " "	J. B. Nixon	Vermont.
R. " "	Joseph W. Hickson	Victoria.
R. " "	A. T. Freed	Washington.
R. " "	Wm. Panton	Western Australia.
R. " "	Alexander Cowan	West Virginia.

Grand Honors having been accorded the representatives, and suitable response having been made by V. Ex. Comp. Hugh A. MacKay, representing Ohio, on behalf of his colleagues, Grand Chapter was called to order, when the M. Ex. the Grand Z. presented the following:

THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS.

Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

It is with pleasure I welcome you to this, the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation, held in this Canadian British city of Toronto, which has, since war was declared by Britain, August 4th, 1914, contributed $1,891,784. This magnificent sum is what has been given by the City alone in the form of civic grants and does not include the Patriotic, Red Cross and other funds to which the citizens as a whole have responded nobly. Then fully 30,000 of its citizens have joined the colors of the King for active overseas service.

The War.

It is not my intention this morning to make any lengthened remarks on the great war, in which we, as part of the British Empire, are engaged; only to place on record the splendid response this great Dominion has made in men from ocean to ocean, as well as the generous subscriptions given throughout Canada to the Red Cross, Patriotic, Belgium, and other funds. Canada has nothing to be ashamed of, when we consider, that inside of eighteen months nearly one hundred and fifty thousand fully equipped troops have been sent over seas, and nearly one hundred thousand more men are in training, and from the reports of those, who have already been in action, we learn that they have upheld the most glorious traditions of British arms.

Strenuous and Eventful Year.

The year we have passed through has been both a strenuous and a most eventful one, not only for the world at large, owing, as you are aware, to the fearful European conflict, but for this Grand Chapter.

Shortly after the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, held last year in London, Ont., and the Grand Scribe E. had issued the Annual Proceedings, and we were considering ways and means to have some one relieve him, I received a telegram from M. Ex. Comp. F.

W. Harcourt, stating, our beloved Grand Scribe E. was very ill and could not attend to the duties of his office. After a conference with M. Ex. Comps. D. F. MacWatt, F. W. Harcourt, and George Moore, Grand Treasurer, M. Ex. Comp. Harcourt kindly consented to give his attention to the office until the Grand Scribe E. should recover, as it was then thought his illness was of a temporary character.

On August 1st, the Grand Scribe E. still being ill, and after consulting with his son, Comp. A. C. Bennett, I extended a further leave of absence to the Grand Scribe E. until the Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

It is, Companions, my painful duty to inform you that R. Ex. Comp. George J. Bennett is unable to resume his duties, and as he has served and given some of the best years of his life for the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry, especially in this jurisdiction, and being without a peer at the Round Table of Foreign Correspondence—loved and respected by all who knew him—I feel I should recommend to this Grand Chapter that he be superannuated and receive for the year 1916 not less than one thousand dollars. I sincerely trust this recommendation will meet with your approval.

Membership.

During the year our membership has increased 770 but owing to conditions prevailing in the country, and with a large number of withdrawals and suspensions, the net increase for the year is 346. While we deplore the large number of Companions suspended for non-payment of dues, yet it is the proper course for the Chapters to pursue, and no doubt it will have the effect of making next year's report more gratifying. Full particulars of the conditions, suspensions and withdrawals, as well as deaths, will be found in the report of statistics compiled by the R. Ex. the Acting Grand Scribe E.

Finances.

I am pleased to inform you that our finances are in a comfortable condition, as the reports of the M. Ex.

the Grand Treasurer and the R. Ex. the Acting Grand Scribe E., will show. The Finance Committee has invested over eighteen thousand dollars, seventeen thousand at an advance of one and one-half per cent., and twelve hundred dollars at an advance of one per cent. We have tried to economize in every particular, but expenses in some respects are higher. Take for instance the item of postage on letters alone, it is one-third greater than it was the year previous, owing to the war tax. Notwithstanding the three thousand dollars paid out to the Red Cross, Patriotic and Belgium funds we have been able to finance the year without drawing upon our reserves. No one in Grand Chapter last year would have thought for a moment, upon the conditions of affairs likely to confront him, that it was wise to donate and pay out at once three thousand dollars from our current account and then continue to conduct the affairs of this Grand Chapter for a year, yet that was done. The Grand Treasurer has been most attentive to his office, and has kept me informed at all times as to our financial position. His assistance and advice have been of great benefit to me.

Benevolence.

Expended by the Grand Chapter for the purpose of Benevolence last year was $4,630, and by subordinate Chapters $5,579.35, a total of $10,209.35. Acknowledgements were received from Hon. W. T. White, Finance Minister of Canada, and Honorary Treasurer of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, the Secretary of the Consulate General De Belgique Au Canada, and also from the Secretary of The Canadian Red Cross Society for the payment of the one thousand dollars to each fund.

Dispensations for New Chapters.

There have been laid before me the proper documents asking for dispensations for new Chapters, and I have caused such to be issued to the following:

Cobalt Chapter, at Cobalt, Ont.
Norwood Chapter, at Edmonton, Alta.

Victoria Chapter, at Thornhill, Ont.
Kelowna Chapter, at Kelowna, B.C.
Assiniboia Chapter, at Assiniboia, Sask.

Negotiations are pending between Companions at Humboldt, Sask., and the Grand Scribe E.'s office regarding the issuing of a dispensation for the institution of a Chapter at that place.

Dispensations for Other Purposes.

During the year several Chapters applied for dispensations to attend Divine Service in Royal Arch regalia, which were refused.

One Chapter in the West applied for a dispensation to install its officers on Sunday, which I also refused.

Another Chapter in Ontario asked permission to install its Third Principal by proxy, which I did not grant.

Numbers of dispensations were issued, but they were mostly for qualifying Principals and changing the dates of Convocations for the installation and investiture of the Officers in subordinate Chapters.

Many letters were received from Scribes E. and others, asking for information which could have readily been obtained, without writing to me, by a reference to the Constitution.

Appointments.

Vacancies having occurred in the representation of other Grand Chapters, I recommended the appointment of the following Companions, which were approved:

District of Columbia, Robert W. Clewlo, Toronto.
Florida, James H. Cowan, Galt.
Illinois, William G. Reid, Hamilton.
New Zealand, Walter T. Connell, Kingston.
North Carolina, Robert W. Brennan, Toronto.
Victoria, Joseph W. Hickson, Toronto.

The vacancies having occurred in the representations of the following Grand Chapters the following recommendations were approved:

Arizona, James Henry Barrett, Douglas.
Delaware, George S. Scott, Wilmington.
Louisiana, John W. Armstrong, Welsh.
Maryland, Charles C. Homer, Baltimore.
Nebraska, Clemens A. Spellman, Beatrice.
New York, William Stanton, M.D., Webster.

R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Alger, M.D., of Stirling, having enlisted about October last, and having resigned his office as Grand Superintendent of Prince Edward District, No. 11, I appointed R. Ex. Comp. James McC. Potts, of Stirling, to continue the duties of the office, which he has done with great skill and ability, and he deserves the thanks of this Grand Body.

R. Ex. Comp. Nelson Schnarr, of Kenora, having enlisted for Active Overseas Service, shortly after he was elected Grand Superintendent of the Algoma District No. 14, and having tendered his resignation, I appointed Ex. Comp. John Brenchley, of Kenora, to fill the vacancy, which he has done in a most efficient manner. I would recommend Grand Chapter to confer the rank of Past Grand Superintendent on Ex. Comp. John Brenchley.

In the trying position of making the following appointments, I kept but one principle before me, and that was, doing what I thought was best for this Grand Chapter. I therefore, owing to the untimely death of R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White, appointed M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Toronto, to act as Grand Third Principal, until this Convocation of Grand Chapter; R. Ex. Comp. Edward B. Brown, Toronto, Chairman of Foreign Correspondence; and R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Trenton, Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee.

I appointed R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee, to act as Grand Scribe E. I was able to secure his services under a special arrangement. It was fortunate for myself and this

Grand Body that we were able to secure a Companion with his ability and knowledge and love for work, and ready to assume the duties of Grand Scribe E. The way in which everything is ready for this Annual Convocation, the prompt manner in which the several Chapters have made their returns to his demands, all bear testimony to his knowledge of men and capacity for work. I thank him for his services and loyalty to myself, and for the manner he has carried out every detail of the office. My sincere thanks are also due to his assistant, Miss B. J. Laing, for the manner she fulfilled her duties between the time that R. Ex. Comp. George J. Bennett left and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith assumed the duties of the office.

Acknowledgment of Fraternal Courtesies.

In this Jurisdiction two Brothers, who had received the Mark Master Mason degree in their respective Chapters, and who were unable to receive the other two degrees before leaving for new spheres of activity, asked their Chapters to arrange to have the degrees conferred upon them in Chapters located where they resided in the United States. The two Chapters to which the Brothers belonged were Beaver Chapter No. 74, Strathroy, Ont., and Wascana Chapter No. 121, Regina, Sask. Particulars being furnished, the Acting Grand Scribe E. made representations to the M. Ex. the Grand High Priest of the State of Ohio and the M. Ex. the Grand High Priest of Maryland respectively, through the Grand Secretaries, of both Jurisdictions, and permission was accorded for Glenville Chapter No. 97, Cleveland, and Baltimore Chapter No. 40, Baltimore, to comply with my request, of conferring the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees upon the two Brothers. I acknowledge, with the concurrence of this Grand Body, the fraternal courtesies so cheerfully extended.

The Last Post—Lights Out.

No man who is fit to live need fear to die. Shakespeare has truly said: "Be still prepared for death; and death or life shall thereby be the sweeter."

During the past year there have passed to their reward Companions of sterling character in this Jurisdiction—those whom we delighted to meet at our Annual Convocations. Their friendship we enjoyed. A faithful and true friend is a living treasure, inestimable in possession, and deeply to be lamented when gone. Though the lights of their lives may be dimmed and the last post sounded, yet the remembrance of their good deeds cling to us.

Companions, that draped Chair (Grand Third Principal's Chair draped in mourning with flowers upon it) speaks to us this morning in deeper and more sympathetic terms than I can express in words. R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White, C.M.G., P.G.M., and Grand Third Principal of this Grand Body, died suddenly on the 14th July last at his summer home at St. Elmo, Muskoka, Ontario. He was born March 19th, 1845, his father being David W. White, of Lisonally House, and Mountjoy Forest at Omagh, Capital of County Tyrone, Ireland. He came to Canada at the age of seventeen, and for some years was engaged in the lumber business in Muskoka—subsequently becoming Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, and latterly the Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests. He was prominently identified with all the Masonic bodies, in which he was a tower of strength.

No more eloquent tribute could be paid to our departed friend and Companion than that offered by Venerable Archdeacon Cody at the Funeral Service. "His family have lost a husband and a father who was the very essence of thoughtfulness and loving care; his friends, a comrade of rare geniality, humor, loyalty and unselfishness; the Masonic Order, an efficient, wise and dignified leader; the Province, an able, valued, and trusted public servant; the Church, a staunch, reverent and devoted member, and the community one of the finest types of Christian gentlemen. He leaves behind him a record of stainless honor, untiring benevolence and signal service to his Country." His good works will undoubtedly follow him.

V. Ex. Comp. J. E. Merriman, of St. Catharines, and a member of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter

died November 2nd last. He was prominently identified with every movement for the interest of Masonry, not only in the City of St. Catharines, but in the Niagara District, and he was highly esteemed in the community in which he resided.

R. Ex. Comp. Richard Mahoney, of Guelph, died October 27th, 1915. He was a Past Grand Superintendent of Wellington District No. 4. He had six sons, all of whom are members of the Craft. The Royal Craft of Guelph had in him a faithful exponent of its principles.

R. Ex. Comp. John Nettleton, of Collingwood, and a Past Grand Principal Sojourner of this Grand Chapter, died January the 9th, 1916. He had for years taken an active interest in the Royal Craft in Collingwood, and he was much respected by all who knew him. No greater tribute can be said of him than that he was a "Manly Man."

R. Ex. Comp. George F. Shepley, K.C., of Toronto, and a Past Grand Third Principal of this Body, died January the 16th, 1916. He was a native of Brant County, Canada, was educated at Berlin Grammar School and at Victoria University, where he won the Prince of Wales Gold Medal. He finally entered the profession of the Law and was at the time of his death Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada. His wide knowledge of law and his calm and courteous manner in dealing with those with whom he came in contact stamped him as one of the foremost men of the Bar in this Province.

R. Ex. Comp. W. H. McFadden, K.C., of Brampton, and a Past Grand Scribe N. of this Grand Chapter, died suddenly on the 20th of January last. He was born at Picton, Ontario, in 1851. After graduating in Law he finally settled in Brampton and became Crown Attorney for Peel County. He was prominently connected with the Red Cross Society of that County, and took a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the Town of Brampton. He will be greatly missed not only by the Masons but by the people generally in Brampton and throughout the County of Peel.

R. Ex. Comp. John W. Fenton, of Ottawa, and a Past Grand Superintendent of the Ottawa District, died January 28th, 1916. He took a keen interest in the welfare of the Royal Craft, and the Companions of Carleton Chapter, of which he was a member, will greatly miss him.

V. Ex. Comp. Fred S. Sneath, of Barrie, Grand Senior Sojourner, 1915, who held military rank as a colonel, met with a serious accident while in discharge of his military duties, and died July 8th, 1915. He had for a number of years been identified with the Royal Craft in Barrie.

Other Companions who have passed to the Great Beyond, and who, although their labors are not commented upon, have doubtless left indelible marks of their Masonic efforts in the communities in which they resided are:

R. Ex. Comp. William Robert McCormack, Grand Superintendent, Wilson District, 1908.

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas L. M. Tipton, Grand Superintendent, Niagara District, 1888.

R. Ex. Comp. James Might, Grand Superintendent, Ontario District 1870.

R. Ex. Comp. George A. Coulter, Grand Superintendent, Manitoba District, 1913-14.

R. Ex. Comp. William Oelschlager, Grand Superintendent, Wellington District, 1905.

R. Ex. Comp. William H. Speers, Grand Superintendent, Hamilton District, 1901.

Reports have come to us that some of our Companions, who have donned the uniform of His Majesty the King, have fallen upon the field of battle, while engaged in upholding the honor and integrity of an Empire which is one of the great civilizing forces, to-day, in the progress of the world. The best hearts are ever the bravest, and to their memory we say—"There is a remembrance of the dead, to which we turn even from the charms of the living. These we would not exchange for the song of pleasure or the bursts of revelry."

In this year's proceedings will appear the names of those Companions who have been reported to the Grand Scribe E.'s Office as having enlisted for Active Overseas Service, and among them will be found the names of those who have died, or probably will, before the war is over, die, for their King and Country.

A World Renowned Mason Passes Away.

Comp. Robert Freke Gould, the world-renowned Masonic historian, died at his home in England, on March 26th, 1915, at the age of 78. He was a son of the Reverend Robert Freke Gould, Rector of Stoke Pears, Somerset, and was born at Ilfracombe, Devon, in 1836. In early life he joined the army, and first saw Masonic light in the Royal Navy Lodge No. 429, Ramsgate. In 1858, while residing at Gibraltar, he was installed Master of the Inhabitants' Lodge, No. 153, E.C. Later in the same year he removed to India, where he became the founder and first Master of the Meridian Lodge No. 743 of the 1st East Surrey Regiment, then stationed at Poona. Later, when stationed in China, he was elected in 1864 Master of the Northern China Lodge No. 570, Shanghai. Returning to England in 1870, he settled in Russell Square, London. For a few years he practised his profession as a barrister-at-law, following the Western Circuit, and retired in 1877, after which he devoted himself largely, if not exclusively, to Masonic literary work, in which he soon achieved international distinction. In his death Masonry lost a valued contributor to its historic researches.

Fraternal Dead of American Jurisdictions.

During the past year Grand Jurisdictions in the United States have lost by death many of their distinguished Companions. The following are the names of those whose death we have been fraternally notified.

Alabama—Philip McRae, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Arkansas—Antonio B. Grace, P.G.H.P.
Arizona—Martin William Kales, P.G.H.P., Francis Ashbury Shaw, P.G.H.P.

California—Florin Leslie Jones, P.G.H.P.

Connecticut—James Callan, P.G.H.P., Harvey S. Abel, P.G.H.P.

Delaware—Virginius V. Harrison, P.G.H.P.

Georgia—John Robert Wilkinson, P.G.H.P.

Indiana—Daniel McDonald, P.G.H.P.

Iowa—George W. Ball, P.G.H.P.

Kansas—Erasmus T. Carr, P.G.H.P., and P. G. Secretary, Henry M. Waters, P.G.H.P.

Maryland—John Merriken Carter, P.G.H.P.

Tennessee—John T. Williamson, P.G.H.P., Junius Hobson, P.G.H.P., John Berry Garrett, P.G.H.P.

Wisconsin—Homer Caswell Clark, P.G.H.P.

Mississippi—William A. Bodenhamer, P.G.H.P.

Nebraska—George S. Powell, P.G.H.P., John Bell Dinsmore, P.G.H.P., Charles J. Phelps, P.G.H.P., Albert Wallace Crites, P.G.H.P., William Henry Munger, P.G. H.P., John Jackson Mercer, P.G.H.P.

New York—J. Harris Balston, P.G.H.P.

Nova Scotia—Thomas Trenaman, M.D., D.C.L., P.G. H.P., John William Ruhland, P.G.H.P.

North Carolina—DeWitt E. Allen, P.G.H.P., Robert S. Barnes, P. G. King.

North Dakota—Anson Bartlett, P.G.H.P.

Ohio—Orestes A. B. Senter, P.G.H.P.

Oregon—James E. Godfrey, Grand Scribe.

Testimonial to M. Ex. Comp. MacWatt.

I appointed M. Ex. Comp. Harcourt to carry out the instructions of this Grand body to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. Ex. Comp. D. F. MacWatt for his services as Grand Z. On April 16th the presentation was made by M. Ex. Comp. Harcourt at a regular Convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto. There was a large number of present and past Grand Chapter Officers in attendance. I regret I was unable to be present to show my appreciation for a Companion who labored, during his term of office, faithfully and well for this Grand body under adverse circumstances.

Jurisdiction Disputed.

In May last the question as to concurrent jurisdiction in Wallaceburg arose between MacNabb Chapter No. 88, Dresden, and Sombra Chapter No. 153, Sombra. Considerable correspondence has taken place, not only between the two Chapters interested, but with the Grand Scribe E.'s office. On 29th January last, the Acting Grand Scribe E., under my instructions, wrote to the Grand Superintendents respectively of St. Clair District No. 1, and London District No. 2, in which the two Chapters are respectively included, to have a survey made by a competent person, so as to have the jurisdiction in question properly defined, and I directed that the cost of the survey should be proportionately charged to the Chapters involved in the dispute. Subsequently I was asked to allow the survey which I had ordered to remain in abeyance while negotiations were pending for an adjustment of the difficulty between the two Chapters.

Official Visits.

During the year I made many official visits, which I will enumerate according to the dates of the visitations.

On March 17th I visited Ionic Chapter, Campbellford, accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Alger and Potts. There was a good attendance of Companions, and the evening was pleasantly spent.

On March 24th I visited Antiquity Chapter, Toronto. The Companions of this Chapter displayed much activity and interest in the welfare of the Chapter. The night proved an interesting one to me on account of meeting several distinguished Companions of Toronto.

On April 16th I visited Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston, my mother Chapter, and received a warm welcome. I again visited this Chapter on October 22nd, the occasion of the official visit of the Grand Superintendent, R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Waddell, M.D.

On May 28th I visited Algonquin Chapter, Sault Ste. Marie, when I had the pleasure of meeting Ex. Comp.

C. B. Cosby, High Priest, Officers, and a large number of members of the Sault Ste. Marie Chapter, Michigan. R. Ex. Comp. R. G. Campbell, the Grand Superintendent of New Ontario District, accompanied me. The work of the evening, as well as the proceedings at the banquet at the close of the Convocation of the Chapter, was of a high order.

On October 28th I visited King Solomon's Chapter, Toronto. The officers of this Chapter showed that they were efficient in all details which go towards making a good working Chapter. I was accompanied by a number of Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers. At the banquet R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, of Belleville, delivered a most instructive address on the war conditions in Europe.

On November 10th I visited St. Paul's Chapter, Toronto, accompanied by the Grand Superintendent of the Toronto District, R. Ex. Comp. W. J. McCollum, M.D. The three Principals' chairs for the evening were occupied by R. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Allen as Z., M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt as H., and R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown as J. R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan was the Principal Sojourner. The Royal Arch degree conferred by these distinguished Companions, assisted by other prominent Royal Craftsmen, was excellently conferred.

On November 19th I visited Messena Chapter, No. 300, Messena, New York, in company with the Grand High Priest, of the State of New York, M. Ex. Comp A. J. Adams. We were both made honorary members of this Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. Charles J. Hamilton, M.D., and a large number of Companions of Covenant Chapter, Cornwall, Ont., were also visitors. During the evening it was clearly evinced to me that a good and fraternal feeling existed among the Companions of this particular Chapter towards the Companions of Canada.

On November 26th I visited Corinthian Chapter, Peterborough, on the occasion of the official visit of R. Ex. Comp. G. N. Peebles, the Grand Superintendent of Ontario District. The Royal Arch Degree by the officers

of this Chapter was faultlessly conferred. I was accompanied on this occasion by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Acting Grand Scribe E., who delivered an excellent address, at the banquet proceedings, upon the prevailing conditions existing in the British Empire.

On February 8th, 1916, I visited Couchiching Chapter, Orillia, accompanied by Ex. Comp. John Phillips. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a manner which greatly redounded to the credit of the officers. This Chapter only during the past year received its warrant, and Ex. Comp. W. H. Tudhope, the First Principal, is to be congratulated upon the progressive spirit existing among the Companions.

In all my official visits I have received every courtesy that the Companions could extend to me. I tender my sincere thanks to the Principals, Officers and Companions of these several Chapters for their kindness towards me, and I also congratulate them upon the excellent manner in which they conducted the business affairs of the Chapter as well as the able way they rendered the degree work. It was also a pleasure for me to note the harmony and the true Masonic spirit prevalent among the Companions at all the Convocations mentioned.

Visit to Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

Being unable to attend, to which I had been invited, the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, I asked M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw to attend and represent me, which he kindly did. From the report he sent me of the visit I take the following excerpt:

"I complied with your wish, and was favored by being received at New Haven and by the Grand Chapter in session with all honors. To the best of my ability I conveyed the greetings of this Grand Body, and wish to report that every possible courtesy was extended to your representative.

"The M. Ex. the Grand High Priest, Horace W. Eddy, had the representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, M. Ex. Comp.

George N. Delap, look after my comfort, and right well did he perform the task. I was charged to bring back to you and the Grand Chapter of Canada the best wishes and fraternal greetings of a Grand Chapter in its one hundred and seventeenth year."

Knight Templar Body.

On August 11th I had the honor, as your Grand First Principal, of being presented by M. Em. Sir Kt. I. H. Stearns, to the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, in Annual Assembly at Montreal, along with M. W. Bro. Sydney A. Luke, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, M. W. Bro. Edward A. Evans, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and Ill. Bro. J. Alexander Cameron, representing the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada, and was given a warm fraternal welcome by the Supreme Grand Master, M. Em. Sir Kt. Philip S. Gordon, and on behalf of this Grand Body I extended fraternal greetings.

Chapters of Instruction.

When the Grand Superintendents were being instructed last year at London, I impressed upon them the importance of holding Chapters of Instruction during the year, and I also stated that on being informed when these Chapters of Instruction were being held I would endeavor to be present. Eight Chapters of Instruction were held, at all of which I was present—commencing from the first part of last year:

Toronto District, No. 8, held a Chapter of Instruction, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. W. J. McCollum, Grand Superintendent, and the auspices of The St. Patrick Chapter. At this Chapter of Instruction I was accompanied by the late R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White, Grand Third Principal, as well as M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and many other distinguished Companions. My sincere thanks are tendered to the Companions of the Toronto Chapters who took part at this Chapter of Instruction, namely, The St. Patrick, Antiquity and St. Paul's Chap-

ters. The exemplification of the Most Excellent Master degree by the officers of Antiquity Chapter was most elaborate; while exceedingly well done, it was too elaborate and complicated for use in small or rural Chapters.

Wellington District, No. 4, held a Chapter of Instruction at Harriston, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. W. D. McLellan, the Grand Superintendent, and the auspices of Enterprise Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. R. Mahoney, who was present at this Chapter of Instruction, has since died. The work exemplified was well done in all its details.

Ottawa District, No. 13, held a Chapter of Instruction at Smith's Falls under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Conners, Grand Superintendent, and the auspices of St. Francis Chapter. At this Chapter of Instruction the officers of Laurentian Chapter, which a few years ago was almost dormant, conferred one of the degrees in an admirable manner.

A subsequent Chapter of Instruction of Ottawa District, No. 13, was held at Ottawa, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Conners and the auspices of Carleton Chapter. I was accompanied on this occasion by M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Niagara District, No. 7, held a Chapter of Instruction at Dunnville under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. G. E. Parkes, Grand Superintendent, and the auspices of MacNabb Chapter. I was accompanied to this Chapter of Instruction by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, the Acting Grand Third Principal, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Acting Grand Scribe E., and R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, the Grand Lecturer.

St. Lawrence District, No. 12, held a Chapter of Instruction at Brockville under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Waddell, the Grand Superintendent, and the auspices of Sussex and St. Lawrence Chapters. The Officers of the visiting Chapters exemplified the work allotted to them with considerable skill and ability.

Ontario District, No. 10, held a Chapter of Instruction at Colborne, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. G. N. Peebles, Grand Superintendent, and the auspices of Excelsior Chapter. M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw accompanied me to this Chapter of Instruction. The work exemplified by the Chapters interested was admirably done.

St. Clair District, No. 1, held a Chapter of Instruction at Leamington, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Baker, Grand Superintendent, and the auspices of King Cyrus Chapter. The work was exceedingly well exemplified by the several Chapters participating.

Other Chapters of Instruction may have been held in the West, of which I have no knowledge. Several of the Grand Superintendents in the Western Provinces intimated that they were endeavoring to arrange for Chapters of Instruction.

The Masonic courtesies extended to me, not only by the Grand Superintendents, but by the officers upon my attendance at the several Chapters of Instruction, were most gratifying, and from what I subsequently learned, from those interested, I think a considerable amount of good has been accomplished for the Royal Craft by the holding of them.

Revision of the Work.

For the past five or six years we have been constantly hearing condemnatory remarks concerning the Most Excellent Master degree. I have been making inquiries during the year from Grand Superintendents, Principals of the Chapters I have visited, and others, and have asked the question, "What is the matter with the Most Excellent Master Mason degree?" Hardly two of the Companions answer alike. The one fault, however, found by all is, the instructions in "The Work" do not direct how the degree can properly be conferred.

I have felt for some time that there is nothing lacking in "The Work" or in the music of the degree, but that the instructions are not in harmony with the proper rendition

of the work or the music. In visiting the different Districts you find it being done in different ways. You make inquiry to find out why it is being done in some particular way, and the reply is, some Grand Chapter officer gave the instructions to do it in such manner. If you suggest a change, they ask, "Where did you get your authority or information?" And quite proper. The reply is, I am the Grand Z, and that is the way it should be done. This should not be. There should be uniformity throughout the jurisdiction in the conferring of this degree, as well as of the other two degrees. In one part of the Royal Arch degree there is something lacking in the instruction given for the guidance of the officers.

As this address is published, I cannot here state the changes I would like to see made. Therefore, before Grand Chapter is "called off" for luncheon, with your consent I propose to present the changes for your consideration, and it will also enable the Committee on this address to have the opportunity of reporting upon the advisability of adopting my suggestion.

Alberta.

I regret I have to report that harmony has not been fully restored in Alberta. I had hoped it would have been after the apology publicly given to M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, more than a year ago, by Ex. Comp. E. N. Brown, which proved that this Grand Body never properly received any communication from parties in Alberta as to the formation of a Grand Chapter in that Province.

Letters have been received from several Companions in Alberta, copies of which, with replies, appear in the appendices to this address, containing charges, notices of motions, etc. It has been impossible in every instance to have the documents received by me signed in a regular manner so that they could be placed before you for action. At all times I have counselled our loyal Companions in Alberta to pay no attention to those who are termed disloyal, but to throw all their energies into the work of their own Chapters.

I fully sympathize with our Companions in Alberta and know how loyal they have been to this Grand Chapter and to themselves, but the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry can only be obtained by quiet and peaceful attention to our own affairs, ever guarding the Ancient Landmarks of our Order by practising the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The Companions who seceded in Alberta have been suspended, and any communications between them and our members are not permissible. I trust, therefore, our Companions will pay no attention to any notices of motions or letters being circulated, but only to those which come through their own Chapters or from the Grand Scribe E.'s office.

The Appendices Nos. 1 to 5 give copies of letters, replies, etc., explanatory of what has been done through the Acting Grand Scribe E.'s office regarding the Alberta dispute.

Legal Proceedings.

At the close of the Grand Chapter in London, and in order to carry out the instructions given in the resolution moved by R. Ex. Comp. T. H. Hooper and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Wilson and carried, namely:

"That as a way and means of overcoming the existing conditions at this time in the Province of Alberta, the Grand Z., of the Grand Chapter of Canada, take into immediate consideration and consult counsel as to the manner in which repossession can be got of the Warrants, funds, books, property, etc., which have been unlawfully removed from the custody of the Chapters of this jurisdiction in Alberta."

I appointed M. Ex. Comps. D. F. MacWatt and F. W. Harcourt, a committee to engage counsel and proceed to carry out your instructions. As they will probably make a special report during this Convocation, I will only remark they have been very successful, and it is my duty to state, in fairness to them, that the reason they did not commence action before they did was, because I had promised the two gentlemen who came to Lon-

don from Alberta in February last that no action would be taken until after they had returned home and held their annual meeting, which promise I kept. I was subsequently informed they had their meeting and had decided to continue outside this Grand Body; and then action was taken. I wish to express my gratitude to M. Ex. Comps. MacWatt and Harcourt for the able manner in which they discharged the task allotted to them.

Peace and Harmony in Bekah Chapter.

Bekah Chapter, No. 176, I am pleased to report, has now peace and harmony within its portals. A letter has been received from the Scribe E. of this Chapter, properly attested, asking to have Comp. D. L. Murison, one of the Companions, who was named by this Grand Body last year for suspension, restored to full membership. The reason put forth for this request is that Comp. Murison ably assisted in bringing about peace and harmony in the Chapter. I trust Grand Chapter will take this request into consideration, and do what is right. In every case where a Companion has made an application to be restored, and who has not been named by this Grand Body for suspension, I have suggested that he be welcomed back to the fold.

Alberta Chapters and Their "Honored Mother."

I received a communication dated January 18th, 1916, from the Scribe E., of Alberta Chapter, No. 106, attached to which is an affidavit and replies to his letter. I also instructed the Acting Grand Scribe E. to write the Scribe E. for further information, and a copy of the letter appears in the appendices to this address. Following are copies of the communications received from the Scribe E. of Alberta Chapter:

Calgary, Alta., January 18th, 1916.

W. S. Murch, Esq.,
Grand Z., Grand Chapter of Canada,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Sir and Companion:

As Scribe E., of Alberta Chapter, No. 106, Royal Arch Masons of Canada, I was instructed to send the following Notice of Motion (marked "A") to every Chapter in the Province of

Alberta, anent the formation of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for this Province.

You will at once see from this communication and the replies thereto, that the Chapters in the Province of Alberta do not favour the establishing of a Grand Chapter at present.

I enclose copies of the replies which have so far come to hand, which also constitutes the bulk of the Royal Craft in this Province, and ask you to note that not one Chapter up to the present writing has passed a Resolution of any kind favouring the establishment of a Grand Chapter in this Province.

I have sworn to these replies as being absolutely true (enclosed please find declaration) for your information and members of the Royal Craft who are not resident in this Province.

By these replies from the Chapters in this Province it is plainly evident that the few Companions, who let their zeal for holding office run away with them, so to speak, and who have rough-ridden over all Royal Masonic etiquette and conduct, to say the very least, have not the sympathy of the Craft in this Province to back them up in their undignified procedure. Let me further state that the claims of this "Spurious and Clandestine Body," as to their membership in this Province, in my opinion, are totally absurd and ridiculous.

Would also suggest that the Clandestine Body be prohibited from using regular Chapter names, such as, for instance, Alberta Chapter No. 1, which is confusing with our own Alberta Chapter No. 106, Otuskwan No. 9, which is confusing with the Regular Otuskwan Chapter No. 179, and so forth.

I also positively state that the rank and file of the Companions in this Province were never taken into consideration at any time, nor were they ever given an opportunity by this Spurious Body to say whether they favoured or did not favour the establishing of a "Grand Chapter" in this Province. We also find that the "Spurious Body" did not take the "Grand Chapter of Canada" into consideration at any time.

Now, in conclusion, I would ask, "What the Grand Chapter of Canada would do, or how would it act, in the event of a 'Spurious Royal Arch Masonic Body' establishing itself in Ontario?" (Our opinion throughout Alberta is that it would get "short shrift").

After you have answered this question might we ask if the Province of Alberta is less near and dear (Masonically speaking) to the Grand Chapter of Canada (which has held jurisdiction here for over half a century) than the Province of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia or any other Province in this Grand Dominion which is under the jurisdiction of our "Honored Mother," the Grand Chapter of Canada?

Let us pledge anew our loyalty to our "Honored Old Mother," the Grand Chapter of Canada, wishing her long and continued prosperity and success, reassuring her that when we want to establish ourselves as a Grand Chapter, we shall act as loyal and dutiful sons to an honored mother.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

ROBERT KNIGHT,
Scribe E.,
Alberta Chapter, No. 106,
Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

CANADA,
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,
TO WIT:

I, Robert Knight, of the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, make oath and say:

1. That I am at present Scribe E. of Alberta Chapter, No. 106, Royal Arch Masons of Canada, and held the same office during the year 1915.

2. Attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" to this affidavit is a true copy of a letter sent by me as Scribe E. on October 21st, 1915, to all the Chapters of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Alberta.

3. Also shown in the said Exhibit "A" are true copies of the replies that I have received to date, from the various Chapters.

SWORN before me at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, this 20th day of January, A.D., 1916.

(Signed)
ROBERT KNIGHT.

P. A. CARSON,
A Commissioner in and for the Province of Alberta.

COPIES OF LETTERS.

"A"

Calgary, October 21st, 1915.

Dear Sir and Companion:

At our last regular Convocation I was requested to ascertain the opinion of your Chapter with regard to establishing a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Alberta.

The Grand Chapter of Canada will assist the Loyal Chapters in the Province of Alberta, in forming such a Grand Body.

With this promised assistance in view, Alberta Chapter, No. 106, unanimously passed the enclosed motion.

Kindly let me know at your earliest convenience, if your Chapter favours the establishment of a Grand Chapter for Alberta, with the consent and assistance of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and also if your Chapter would favour sending a delegate or delegates to attend a Convocation called for above purpose, to be held in December, 1915, or soon thereafter.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

(Sgd.) ROBERT KNIGHT,
Scribe E, Alberta Chapter, No. 106,
Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Calgary, November 11th, 1915.

Dear Sir and Companion:

I am directed by the Ex. Z. to inform you that it is the pleasure of the Companions of this Chapter that the matter of establishing a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Alberta be held over until some future date.

Yours fraternally,

(Sgd.) H. W. TRITT,
Acting Scribe E.,
Otuskwan Chapter, No. 179.

Killam, Alberta, November 12th.

Dear Sir and Companion:

At a meeting of Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 202, on Wednesday, November 10th, 1915, your letter of October 21st re the formation of an Alberta Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons, was read, and the following motion, of which I was directed to notify you, was unanimous. "That the Officers and members of Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 202, are not as yet in a position to pass any resolutions as to the advisability of forming a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Alberta."

Your fraternally,

(Sgd.) JAMES R. LARGE,
Scribe E., Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 202.

Edmonton, December 13th, 1915.

Dear Sir and Companion:

Referring to your communication of a recent date, in reference to the formation of a Grand Chapter in the Province of Alberta, the following resolution was passed at our regular Convocation on Friday evening, the matter having been laid on the table at our November Convocation, for further consideration.

"That under present conditions, Scribe E. reply that this Chapter is not in favor of the formation of a Grand Chapter in Alberta."

Yours fraternally,

(Sgd.) J. F. McCallum,
Scribe E., Capital City, No. 197.

Medicine Hat, December 18th, 1915.

Dear Sir and Companion:

With further reference to your letter of October 21st last, with regard to the establishing of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Alberta.

I am directed to inform you that Assiniboia Chapter does not deem it advisable, at the present time, to proceed with the formation of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Alberta, but we are ready and willing to send a delegate to attend a Convocation that might be called for the purpose of discussing this matter.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

(Sgd.) Percy D. Stone,
Scribe E, Assiniboia, No. 126.

Lethbridge, Alta., November 12th, 1915.

Dear Sir and Companion:

At the last regular meeting of this Chapter, the motion contained in your Notice of Motion for your July meeting, relative to the formation of a Grand Chapter in the Province of Alberta was discussed, and the following motion was eventually passed, and I was instructed to send you a copy of the same:

"Resolved that it is the opinion of this Chapter that the action suggested by Alberta Chapter, No. 106, would simply widen the breach existing to-day among Royal Arch Chapters in Alberta, and that we cannot endorse their motion."

The view generally taken by the Companions of this Chapter was that they opposed the formation of the first (now declared illegal) Grand Chapter, on the ground that the time was not yet ripe for a Grand Chapter in the Province, and that nothing had occurred to alter that view.

With hearty good wishes, believe me,

Fraternally yours,

(Sgd.) D. McNabb,
Scribe E, Shekinah Chapter, No. 158.

Pincher Creek, Alta., November 13th.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 21st ultimo, addressed to Dr. J. J. Gillespie, was handed to me by his wife, as I am Acting Scribe E. in the Lodge, while Dr. Gillespie is at the front.

At a meeting of the Chapter, held a few days ago, your communication was placed before the Lodge, and the following resolutions were passed:

First.—That owing to the unsettled condition of Capitular Masonry in Alberta at the present time, and owing to the lack of information regarding the intentions of the Grand Chapter of Canada in this regard, Kether Chapter considers that the time is premature for the consideration of forming a Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Second.—It is the opinion of Kether Chapter that a duly authorized delegate from the East from Grand Chapter, should visit each of the Loyal Chapters of Alberta as soon as possible, and discuss the question of the formation of a Grand Chapter of Alberta.

In connection with the two motions, I was authorized to write you and explain why the said motions were put through before consideration was taken of your letter.

It is the opinion of all members of Kether Chapter that the Grand Lodge of Canada is not doing what it ought to do in the matter of straightening out the difficulty of Capitular Masonry in Alberta at the present time. It appears to us that the Grand Lodge Officials are shirking the responsibility in this matter, and we certainly think it up to them to do something in regard to straightening out the muddle.

With regard to your communication, we have had no official notice from Grand Lodge that they are willing to assist the Loyal Chapters in the formation of Provincial Grand Lodge, and we are writing them to-day to find out just how they stand in the matter.

I have also been asked to state that should you intend holding a meeting in Calgary in regard to this matter at an early date that you will let us know, in order that we may have a representative at the meeting.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) JOHN J. CAMERON,
Acting Scribe E., Kether Chapter.

This is Exhibit "A," referred to in the affidavit of Robert Knight, sworn before me this 20th day of January, A.D. 1916. P. A. Carson, a Commissioner for taking affidavits in and for the Province of Alberta.

NORTH STAR CHAPTER, NO. 118.

The Grand Superintendent of Alberta N. District, No. 17, informed me by letter, dated December 14th, 1915, that the property of North Star Chapter, No. 118, Edmonton, Alta., had been removed by some disloyal members from the building in which the Chapter met, to another building, and that dissatisfaction existed among the loyal members on account of delay in taking action to recover the property. I instructed the Acting Grand Scribe E. to write A. H. Clarke, K.C., of Calgary, to take at once whatever action he deemed necessary to recover the property taken. On January 5th, 1916, the Acting Grand Scribe E. received a letter from the legal firm of Clarke, Carson, MacLeod & Co., Calgary, Alta., stating that the necessary papers had been drawn for the commencement of legal proceedings. I have heard nothing further, but believe that legal proceedings are being conducted for the recovery of the property.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTERS.

The thought has come to me, and doubtless to others, that instead of having a Grand Chapter for each of the Western Provinces, it would be very much in the interest of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction to have Provincial Grand Chapters for the Western Provinces, namely, Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, which could all work under the Grand Chapter of Canada. I would suggest to this Grand Body that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the advis-

ability of the formation of Provincial Grand Chapters in the Western Provinces, and to report at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Printing Committee.

It has been suggested, and I think it is an opportune time, that a Printing Committee be appointed by this Grand Body, to consist of three members of the Executive Committee. The printing in connection with Grand Chapter has become an important item, and the reason I am suggesting the appointment of such a committee is, that the responsibility of contracting for the printing should not be borne by one official.

Grand Superintendents.

I congratulate the Grand Superintendents on the success they have met with in their visitations to the respective Chapters of their districts. It was only by hard work and keeping continually at it, that their success has been so pronounced. I would suggest, however, that Grand Superintendents should not wait, as some of them do, until four or five months have elapsed before they start their visitations. Immediately after they have assumed office they should commence and visit the Chapters, and by so doing they can render any assistance the weaker ones desire.

The Grand Superintendents, I also find, leave this Grand Chapter not properly possessed of the knowledge necessary for the work of their office. When they are instructed by the Grand Lecturer they should be presented with a copy of the Constitution, Book of Ceremonies and copy of "The Work" at the expense of Grand Chapter. I trust this suggestion will meet with the hearty approval of all. Notwithstanding the little drawbacks no Grand Z. was ever better served by Grand Superintendents than I have been, and I assure them I fully appreciate all their efforts put forth for the welfare of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction.

Concluding Remarks.

Companions, I cannot close this address without referring to the part our mothers, wives, sisters, and sweethearts are playing in these trying times. They are

upholding the best traditions of British womanhood. Whether we look at that noble nurse dying in Belgium by the cruel hands of those we term the foe of our Empire, or the offering up of husbands, sons and brothers, those nearest and dearest to them, or the noble labor being done in connection with hospital work, we must admire their Spartan qualities. In every hamlet, village, town, and city we find them knitting and laboring for the Red Cross Society and other noble objects. By their devotion to King and country they have won our admiration, as well as a glory for themselves that will not soon pass away. We ask, are they happy? No! they are not happy, but they are proud of what is being done by their husbands, sons and brothers in a noble cause. In our women we find:

> "The uplifting faith of our greetings,
> bind the brotherhood from sea to sea."

I thank you for the honor conferred on me last year in London. In my labor I had given you the best that I possess. If I have failed in my endeavors to discharge the duties of the office you so graciously bestowed upon me, I ask you to cover any little faults that may have occurred, with the broad mantle of charity. I pray that the Supreme Being of the Universe may soon grant our Empire victory and peace, so that we can truly say, "Peace on earth, good will toward men" reigns supreme throughout the world.

Fraternally submitted,

W. L. Bellinch

Grand Z.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved,—That the address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Appendices to Grand Z's Address

APPENDIX 1.

MR. GEORGE G. BENNETT,
Temple Building, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

On October 21st we received the following communication from the Scribe E. of Alberta Chapter, No. 106, Calgary, and we are writing you in order that you may give us further information in regard to same. We also enclose copy of motions that were put through at the last meeting of Kether Chapter, in order that you may know how we stand in regard to this.

First motion reads as follows: "That owing to the unsettled conditions of Capitular Masonry in Alberta at the present time, and owing to lack of information regarding the intentions of the Grand Chapter of Canada in this regard, Kether Chapter considers that the time is premature for the considering of forming the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

The second motion reads as follows: "It is the opinion of Kether Chapter that a duly authorized delegate from the East from Grand Chapter should visit each Loyal Chapter in Alberta as soon as possible, and discuss the question of the formation of a Grand Chapter of Alberta.

In regard to those motions, after a long discussion, the members of Kether Chapter thought that they ought to write and get further information from Toronto in regard to the letter we received from Calgary. The members also seemed to infer that the Grand Lodge were not acting as they ought to do in regard to straightening out this muddle in Alberta, and that they were really trying to shirk the responsibility and get the Companions of all the Loyal Lodges of Alberta to do all the dirty work. The members think that it is time they were informed fully as to how the Grand Lodge stands in regard to those matters in Alberta, and we feel sure that if a full explanation were given, it would help to keep the Loyal members true to the Grand Chapter. Being well informed, they might be able to get the differences straightened out.

I will be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience in regard to this.

Yours very truly,

JOHN J. CAMERON,
Acting Scribe E.

APPENDIX No. 2.

Reply to Acting Scribe E.'s Letter of Kether Chapter.

John J. Cameron, Esq.,
Acting Scribe E., Kether Chapter, No. 177,
Pincher Creek, Alta.

Dear Sir and Companion:

Owing to R. Ex. Comp. Bennett's serious illness, your letter of November 13th, 1915, addressed to him, was submitted to the Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, and he has directed me to answer it.

On October 21st you received, you say, the following communication from the Scribe E. of Alberta Chapter, No. 106, Calgary, and you are writing in order to get further information.

What communication is it? You have not enclosed any communication, and the Grand First Principal is unable to comprehend the contents of a communication which he has not seen or read.

You further say you enclose copies of motions "that were put through at the last meeting of Kether Chapter," in order that Grand Chapter may know your Chapter's position.

Following are the motions:

First.—"That owing to the unsettled conditions of Capitular Masonry in Alberta at the present time, and owing to lack of information regarding the intentions of the Grand Chapter of Canada in this regard, Kether Chapter considers that the time is premature for the considering of forming the Grand Chapter of Alberta."

The Second.—"It is the opinion of Kether Chapter that a duly authorized delegate from the East from Grand Chapter should visit each Loyal Chapter in Alberta as soon as possible, and discuss the question of the formation of a Grand Chapter of Alberta."

Regarding the motions, you have not given the names of the mover or seconder, nor are they properly prepared to be submitted for the consideration of the Grand First Principal. Copies of resolutions emanating from subordinate Chapters for consideration of the Grand First Principal, or even Grand Chapter, as I understand it, should be properly attested with the names of the First Principal and the Scribe E., with an impression of the seal of the Chapter. I am not pointing out these omissions for the purpose of being harsh, but am only calling your attention to

what is the proper procedure, so that no mistake can be made in regard to having the opinions of Chapters properly placed before those in authority, or before Grand Chapter.

So that there may be no misunderstanding, let me make myself clear. Any Officer or Companion of a Chapter could send a motion or motions, as you have done, for submission to a Grand Chapter Officer, or Grand Chapter, making certain statements, yet those statements may not have had the general concurrence of the Companions of a subordinate Chapter. In fact, the Grand First Principal has already ruled, that a Notice of Motion, when it affects the general welfare of a Chapter, must be given at one Convocation, and the Notice of Motion must appear on the summons announcing the next Convocation of the Chapter, so that every member shall know that such particular business was to come up for consideration. This may have been done by your Chapter, but according to the communication received at this office, one would not think so.

In the last paragraph, but one, of your letter, you say that after a long discussion, the members of Kether Chapter thought they ought to write and get further information from Toronto regarding the letter received from Calgary. Copy of this letter, as I have already intimated, was not enclosed in your communication, and consequently no opinion can be offered by the Grand First Principal as to its contents.

There is one sentence in your letter that shows distinctly, at least, no Companion of your Chapter has read the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada, which were issued from this office in March last, for you say "the members also seemed to infer that the Grand Lodge (you doubtless mean Chapter) were not acting as they ought to do in regard to straightening out this muddle in Alberta, and that they were really trying to shirk the responsibility and get the Companions of all the Loyal Lodges (doubtless you mean Chapters) of Alberta to do all the dirty work."

Surely the teachings of the Royal Craft were not taken into consideration by the Companion or Companions, who suggested that sentence in your letter. "Shirk the responsibility." Who is shirking the responsibility? Not the Grand Chapter of Canada. Then again you say, who is doing "all the dirty work." The Companions who look after the Grand Chapter of Canada are far above doing any "dirty work," and, as I have intimated, the Companion, or Companions, who suggested this sentence, or those words, could not have been impressed very much with the true spirit of the teachings of Capitular Masonry.

The Grand Chapter of Canada has been trying to have the difficulty amicably settled in Alberta. On page 240 of the Proceedings of 1915, the following resolutions appear:

"PERMISSION TO ALBERTA.

Moved by R. E. Comp. T. H. Hooper, seconded by R. E. Comp. Benjamin Allen, and

Resolved,—That permission be given to the Chapters of this jurisdiction in Alberta to meet for the purpose of considering what action, if any, they may deem it advisable to take towards securing the formation of a Grand Chapter for that Province, and that the M. E. the Grand Z. be authorized to take such steps in the matter as he may consider for the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

TO RECOVER CHAPTER PROPERTY.

Moved by R. E. Comp. T. H. Hooper, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. A. Wilson, and

Resolved,—That as a way and means of overcoming the existing conditions at this time in the Province of Alberta, the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada take into immediate consideration and consult counsel as to the manner in which repossession can be got of warrants, funds, books, property, etc., which have been unlawfully removed from the custody of the Chapters of this jurisdiction in Alberta."

After reading these two resolutions taken from the Proceedings of Grand Chapter, can the Companions of Kether Chapter say that the Grand Chapter of Canada is shirking all "responsibility," or trying to get any Companions in Alberta to do "dirty work." When the resolutions, especially the one under the sub-heading "Permission to Alberta" is read to the Companions of Kether Chapter, they will at once ask to have the words "to shirk the responsibility" and "to do all the dirty work" withdrawn from their Acting Scribe E.'s letter.

Let me direct your attention to the triple tau which appears within the double triangle on your letterhead. This is doubtless an oversight on the part of some one in allowing the triple tau to appear as it does upon the letterhead of Kether Chapter. You will, as a Royal Arch Companion, readily conceive what I mean.

In concluding this letter, let me assure the Companions of Kether Chapter, through you, that the Grand First Principal and all the Officers of Grand Chapter are doing their best for the general welfare of the Royal Craft in every part of the jurisdiction.

Fraternally yours,

HENRY T. SMITH,
Acting Grand Scribe E.

APPENDIX No. 3.

Circular Letter to Alberta Chapters.

Dear Sir and Companion:

It has been brought to the attention of the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, that there appeared recently in the advertising columns of "The News-Telegram" on behalf of Alberta Chapter, No. 106, of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, the following announcement:

> "Notice to Royal Arch Masons—Alberta Chapter, No. 106, meets in Masonic Temple, Alexander Corner, on the first Wednesday of each month. Otuskwan Chapter, No. 179, meets in Masonic Hall, Seabloom Block, East Calgary, on the first Thursday of every month. Any other bodies claiming to operate under these names are Irregular, Spurious, and Clandestine."

I am authorized by the Grand First Principal to inform the Officers and Companions of your Chapter that he does not sanction the appearance of such notices in the public press. If any instructions are to be given to the Companions of the Chapter they are to be given only by circular letter or by summons, through the post in a sealed envelope.

It has been the wish of the Grand First Principal and those, for the time being, who guide the affairs of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, to have the Companions of Alberta Districts who are termed "Loyal Royal Arch Masons" to abstain from making any comments regarding the so-called irregular body. It is deeply to be regretted that the public press is being used to keep up a feeling of ill-will among the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, which can only be obviated, by the use of a little common sense, that which implies at this particular period, good judgment, sound discretion, and true and practical wisdom.

Kindly have this letter read in your Chapter at the first Convocation, after it has been received by you.

Fraternally yours,

Henry T. Smith,

Acting Grand Scribe E.

APPENDIX No. 4.

Asking for Further Information.

Toronto, February 1st, 1916.

Robert Knight, Esq.,
Masonic Temple, Alexander Corner,
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Sir and Companion:

The Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, has directed me to write and say that he has received the correspondence addressed to him by you regarding the formation of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Province of Alberta.

After carefully reading your letter and the attached communications, it occurs to the Grand First Principal that he should have the opinions of the other Chapters in your district, viz.: North Star, Vermilion, Golden West, Bekah, Hillvue and Tau Cross. If you could get the views of these Chapters and let the Grand First Principal have them at once, before the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, he would then be in a position that he could properly place the condition of the Royal Craft in Alberta, at the present time, before the delegates in attendance.

I am writing this letter hurriedly so that there may be no delay in getting the information the Grand Z. desires.

Fraternally yours,

Henry T. Smith,
Acting Grand Scribe E.

APPENDIX No. 5.

Reply for Further Information.

Calgary, Alta., February 9th, 1916.

Mr. Henry T. Smith,
Acting Grand Scribe, Toronto.

Dear Sir and Companion:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication desiring certain information regarding the opinion of some Chapters anent the establishing of a Grand Body in this Province.

Am writing these Chapters, asking them to reply to my letter as soon as possible, but think you could get this information through the District Superintendent. Had they been anxious to take part in the formation of a Grand Chapter in this Province, it is only reasonable to infer that they would have replied in favor of such a movement.

Alberta Chapter, No. 106, as stated to you, does not wish to agitate for the establishing of a Grand Chapter in this Province, in the meantime, at any rate. We cannot find a single Chapter in this Province that will support such a proposition at present.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT KNIGHT, Scribe E.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

I have the honor of submitting my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 1, for the year 1915. It has been a great pleasure to visit the different Chapters in the District and to shake hands and exchange greetings with the Companions. I was received royally in each Chapter and no pains spared to make my visits both pleasant and profitable. I found them all in a healthy and prosperous condition, with the best of good feeling and fellowship existing among them.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—On December 10th a Chapter of Instruction was held in the Masonic Rooms, Leamington. There was a very good turnout of Companions from the various Chapters in the District. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington; at 5 o'clock the Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified by Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg, after which we adjourned to Arnold's Restaurant, where we partook of the things that gladden the inner man.

At 8 o'clock in the evening the Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch degree by the officers of King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119. The M. Ex. the Grand Z. was formally introduced by myself and was received with the honors due to him and his exalted office. The officers of Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne, then assumed the chairs and the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified in a beautiful and impressive manner. The M. Ex. the Grand Z. complimented the officers of Lorne Chapter on the very able manner in which the work was done. On the whole there were very few corrections to be made. The Grand Z. also gave some valuable information on

the working of the Most Excellent Master degree, which was very much appreciated by the Companions present.

King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington.—On December 28th I made my official visit to this Chapter. There was no degree work. This being my own Chapter, I can say that the work is always done in a creditable manner by its officers. The books are kept in good condition by Comp. A. T. Bristow, S. E., and the Chapter is in a prosperous condition.

MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on January 6th, and was very cordially received. Having no candidates, there was no degree work, but I had the pleasure of installing the officers for the ensuing year. The Chapter is in good condition and the books are well kept by Comp. R. D. Black, S. E.

Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg.—On January 7th I made my official visit to this Chapter. I had the honor of installing the officers for the ensuing year, and was very ably assisted by R. Ex. Comp. C. Y. Dixon. There being no candidates ready, there was no work that night. I found the Chapter in a flourishing condition and the books well kept by Comp. F. L. Lovegrove, S. E. I know the officers are efficient in their work by the very able manner in which they conferred the Most Excellent Master degree at the Chapter of Instruction.

Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on January 10th and witnessed the installation of its officers by R. Ex. Comp. Copus, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. Master and Squire, which was well done. There was no degree work for the evening, but I have seen the work done by the officers of Ark Chapter on several occasions and know them to be efficient. This is the largest Chapter in the District, having 287 members, and the books are neatly and correctly kept by R. Ex. Comp. J. S. Master, S. E.

Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on January 13th. The

officers for the ensuing year were installed by Ex. Comp. J. L. Smith. I was very much impressed with the very able manner in which he conducted the ceremony. I never saw it surpassed. I expected to see some degree work, but the candidates failed to appear. The Chapter is in good condition and the books are well kept by Comp. D. A. Cannon, S. E.

Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on January 24th. There was no work for the evening. Having just remodelled their Chapter rooms, and this being their first meeting, they had no candidates, but the prospects for the coming year are very good. The books of the Chapter are kept in first class condition by Comp. A. Long.

Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne.—I was to have made my official visit to this Chapter on January 12th, but was requested not to come on that date, as they had no work or candidates, and consequently no meeting. They asked me to come at their regular meeting in February instead, so that is the reason I have no report for Lorne Chapter. As the officers of Lorne Chapter put on the Royal Arch degree at the Chapter of Instruction on December 10th, I can say that they are well up in the work. I shall try and visit Lorne Chapter at their regular meeting in February.

In conclusion I want to congratulate the various Chapters of the District on their prosperous and financial condition and thank the Companions for the high honor conferred upon me. My year as Grand Superintendent will always be one of the bright spots of my life to look back to, with recollections of the hospitable and kindly manner in which I was received by each and every Chapter in the District.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. Baker,
Grand Supt. St. Clair Dist., No. 1.

Leamington, Ont.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

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MacNabb	88	Dresden	11	1	12	13	1	1.45	63	6	6	..	1	1	..	..	69	6	6	6	17	.....	.....	.....	350.00	77.00	250.00	10.00	Good	Yes.
Prince of Wales	71	Amherstburg.	8	11	19	16	.	2.00	112	16	9	..	..	..	..	.	121	9	12	12	30	.....	.....	240.00	.....	112.80	.....	5.00	Very Good	Yes
King Cyrus...	119	Leamington..	9	3	12	14	..	2.00	78	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	85	7	7	7	34	.....	209.00	102.92	325.00	209.00	200.00	5.00	Good	No.
Erie	73	Ridgetown...	9	1	10	20	..	1.50	75	19	19	..	..	3	..	..	91	19	19	18	35	.....	.. ...	400.00	..... .	40.00	175.00	10.00	Good	Yes.
Ark	80	Windsor ...	12	16	28	30	2	3.00	243	43	41	3	..	1	..	1	287	8	8	12	56	.....	237 08	1278.30	575.00	375.25	400.00	70.00	Ex.	Yes.
Lorne.....	164	West Lorne.	10	0	10	10	2	1.50	58	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	60	1	1	1	8	.....	300.00	40.00	200.00	12.00	100.00	35.00	Good	No.
Wellington...	47	Chatham.....	10	9	19	22	1	2.00	202	33	28	1	..	5	5	2	219	28	26	25	51	.....	1178.33	453.33	725.00	145.86	200.00	110.00	Ex.	Yes.

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I submit herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in London District, No. 2.

I have visited all the Chapters in my District and was received everywhere in the most cordial manner, and am pleased to report that perfect harmony exists among the Chapters. In each Chapter I witnessed the conferring of, at least, one degree, and found that the work, as prescribed by Grand Chapter, was well and impressively done. I would also commend the Scribe E. of each Chapter for the efficient manner in which he performs the duties of his office, but would suggest that next year reports to the Grand Superintendent be sent to him promptly.

Sombra Chapter, No. 153, Sombra.—Two days after my election, on February 26th, I made my official visit to this Chapter, being accompanied by Ex. Comp. Bond of St. Thomas. This Chapter has been progressing the last two years, but the last has been its banner year, as it will be seen in the table of statistics that they have had 21 exaltations and a net increase of 33 1-3 per cent. in membership. In no Chapter in my District is there a more energetic and enthusiastic staff of officers. Ex. Comp. Roach and the officers conferred the Royal Arch degree on six candidates in a very creditable manner.

Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia.—On May 14th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Cochrane and Comp. Laidlaw, I officially visited this Chapter. Sarnia being the home of M. Ex. Comp. MacWatt, I expected to see the work well done and I was not disappointed, for Ex. Comp. Montgomery and his staff of officers conferred the Royal Arch degree, on a class of six candidates, in a most impressive manner, Ex. Comp. Simpson giving the Mystical Lecture. Wawanosh Chapter has a bright future, for it has an enthusiastic and capable staff of officers.

Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia.—Accompanied by Ex. Comp. Bond, I visited this Chapter on May 19th and saw the Mark Master Mason degree admirably conferred by Ex. Comp. Wismer and the other officers, R. Ex. Comp. John Fraser acting as Junior Warden. This is one of the Chapters which goes along quietly doing good work and showing a nice increase in membership each year. R. Ex. Comp. Sinclair, the Scribe E., although no longer young in years, is still young in heart and is one of the most capable Scribes E. in the District.

St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London.—On May 28th I visited St. George's Chapter, No. 5, officially, and took with me quite a number of Companions from Palestine Chapter, St. Thomas. About twenty Aylmer Chapter Companions were also present, paying a return visit to St. George's Chapter. Ex. Comp. Thompson and his able staff of officers conferred the Royal Arch degree on a class of three candidates in an almost perfect manner.

St. John's, No. 3, London.—I officially visited this Chapter on June 23rd and, as usual, took with me a large number of St. Thomas Companions. The work for the evening was the Royal Arch degree, and it was conferred by Ex. Comp. Somerville and his officers in a very creditable manner. Being in London on February 24th, I visited the Chapter and saw the Third Principal work the Mark Master Mason degree and the Second Principal the Most Excellent Master Mason degree, both being well done. On October 27th Ex. Comp. Cochrane and the officers of Palestine Chapter, No. 54, visited this Chapter and conferred the Royal Arch degree, when I was again present and spent a most enjoyable evening.

London Chapter, No. 150, London.—On September 21st I officially visited the youngest of the London Chapters and was given the usual loyal and hearty reception. Ex. Comp. Hoare, assisted by his very able staff of officers, worked the Mark Master Mason degree in a manner which showed much ability and close attention to detail. On behalf of London District, No. 2, R. Ex.

Comp. Henry Roe presented to R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Rowe a beautiful clock, St. John's Chapter, No. 3, having during his term of office presented him with a suit of Grand Superintendent's regalia. Ex. Comp. Lancaster was also presented the same evening with a P. Z.'s jewel.

Aylmer Chapter, No. 81, Aylmer.—I visited this Chapter on October 22nd and saw Ex. Comp. Aude and his officers confer the Mark Master Mason degree. This Chapter for many years has been noted for its excellent degree work, and the work that I saw was a credit even to this Chapter. I was very pleased to see R. Ex. Comp. Richards at the Scribe E.'s desk again after a serious illness. At this meeting R. Ex. Comp. Fear, on behalf of Aylmer Chapter, presented to Ex. Comp. Douglas, the Second Principal, who was leaving to join the R.A.M.C., a beautiful Masonic ring.

Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy.—Monday, November 1st, was the day chosen for my visit to this Chapter, and Ex. Comp. Bishop of London and several St. Thomas Companions went with me. Ex.Comp. Currie and the other officers worked the Mark Master Mason degree in a most impressive manner and almost without an error. As that was the first time the officers had worked that degree since their installation, I was delighted to see them do so well.

Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill.—The night chosen for my visit to Parkhill, on November 26th, was very unpleasant, but still there was a very good attendance of Companions and we spent a most enjoyable evening. Over half of those present had come twenty miles and over to attend this Convocation. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Dr. Racey, being on active overseas service with the R. A. M. C., Ex. Comp. Brodie occupied his chair, and the officers of the Chapter, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Sutherland, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree on one candidate.

Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas.—During the year I have attended nearly all the meetings of this,

my home Chapter, but on November 11th I made an official visit and was received with due honor as the representative of the Grand First Principal. Under the genial sway of Ex. Comp. Cochrane, Palestine Chapter has had a prosperous and pleasant year, and the degree work done has been of a high order. To the Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. Idsardi, is due a great deal of the credit for the past and present prosperity of Palestine Chapter.

St. John's Chapter, No. 3; St. George's Chapter, No. 5, and London Chapter, No. 150, had a joint installation on December 29th and, at the request of the Principals, I was present and assisted in the work.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality extended to me by the officers and Companions of every Chapter, not only upon my official visits, but on all other occasions. My hope is that London District, No. 2, will continue to be as prosperous and harmonious in the future as it has been in the past.

Fraternally submitted,

G. T. Kennedy,
Grand Supt. London District, No. 2.

St. Thomas, Ont.

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

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St. John's....	3	London....	10		11	50	6	2.00	340	18	12	.	..	3	15	..	334	12	12	11	29	79.90	3966.77	3187.77	375.00	404.00	300 00	173.00	Ex.	Yes
St. George's...	5	London.....	10	3	13	30	9	2.00	238	24	23	1	..	1	4	4	283	23	23	23	46	50.00	2001.00	1401.00	600.00	351.00	300.00	65.60	Good	Yes.
Wawanosh....	15	Sarnia.....	9	1	10	30	.	2.00	232	20	14	1	..	3	.	3	241	14	14	11	24	Nil	.....	.....	Joint	150.00	Joint	.....	Spl'n-did	Yes.
Bruce.....	53	Petrolia.....	10	1	11	12	1	2.00	102	3	3	2	1	1		2	105	3	1	1	23	None	555.67	335.68	.....	160 00	250.00	20.00	Good	Yes.
Palestine.....	54	St. Thomas..	10	2	12	28	8	2.00	262	9	9	1	..	3	1	6	262	9	9	9	17	None	1424.00	400.00	1024.00	52.00	400.00	120.00	Good	Yes.
Minnewawa...	78	Parkhill.....	5	3	8	11	1	1.50	64	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	68	3	3	2	14	None	.....	73 00	100.00	99.50	Joint	.....	Fair	*No.
Beaver.....	74	Strathroy....	9		9	12	1	2.00	77	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	77	1	1	..	12	21 00	772.00	13.96	310.00	149.00	300.00	.....	Fair	†No.
Aylmer.....	81	Aylmer.....	1	7	8	15	4	‡2.00	105	5	4	..	..	..	..	1	108	4	4	5	15	Nil	408.00	158.00	250.00	40.00	Joint	20.00	Good	Yes.
London.....	150	London.....	10	2	12	30	4	2 00	150	19	14	1	..	2	12	1	150	14	14	12	30	Nil	1000 00	600.00	400.00	130.00	400.00	60.00	Good	Yes.
Sombra.....	153	Sombra.....	6	6	12	15	8	2.00	48	17	17	..	..	..	..	1	64	17	17	21	§56	Nil	550.00	175 00	375.00	112.00	300.00	5.00	Good	Yes.

* Only M.M.M. † Only M.M. and M.E.M. ‡ Resident dues $2.00 ; Distant dues $1.00. § Most all in arrears will pay at Convocation on 19th January, 1916.

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

In presenting my report of Wilson District for the past year I regret to state that Capitular Masonry has not made very satisfactory progress in this jurisdiction, accountable in a measure to the great European conflict which has absorbed so many young men of this country, and this District has also contributed its quota for the defence of the Empire. The suspensions and withdrawals can be also indirectly attributed thereto, while the amount of dues outstanding is not to be commended.

The conferring of the degrees in the various Chapters I have visited is the redeeming feature, and I can speak highly of the uniformity and adherence to the work as laid down by Grand Chapter. The work of the District has been very light. Harmony prevails and no occasion has arisen for reference or decision.

In my visits throughout the jurisdiction I have received a hearty and cordial reception, and one gratifying feature that impressed me deeply was the attendance of Past Grand Superintendents at every Chapter visited, thus denoting that although out of the harness they are still maintaining an active interest in Capitular Masonry. While the regrettable feature is the lack of attendance of Companions at the regular Convocations, not one-sixth of the total membership is present at Chapter meetings. Following is the summary for the year of my visits:

Oxford Chapter, No. 78, Woodstock.—This being my home Chapter, and having attended most of the meetings during the past year, I can vouch for the manner in which the work has been conferred. However, I made my official visit at the regular convocation, December 17th, and the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees were conferred in the usual manner. I

regret that the financial condition of this Chapter did not warrant the expense of holding a Chapter of Instruction owing to a heavy expenditure for Royal Arch regalia, and the difficulty of securing payment of dues combined with the lack of new material. The prospects for the coming year are taking on a brighter tone and indicate prosperity.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford.—This Chapter was visited officially on Friday, December 3rd, and it was my privilege to witness the Royal Arch degree conferred in a very creditable manner, and it was also the night of election of officers, and judging from the officers elected a promising and satisfactory year may be looked for from this Chapter. Past Grand Superintendent R. Ex. Comp. M. M. MacCormack was present and participated in the degree work, after which a pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse and partaking of refreshments.

Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.—Thursday, November 25th, was the occasion of my official visit to Ezra Chapter, and it was marked by an attendance of Companions which excelled all my visits. This Chapter appears to be the banner Chapter of the District judging by the manner in which the work was performed, in hospitality and interest of its members. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon four candidates in a manner leaving no room for criticism. Past Grand Superintendents R. Ex. Comps. J. D. Christie and W. A. MacIntosh were present, and after the usual addresses, both Masonic and patriotic, the evening closed with the customary banquet.

Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll.—On Friday, July 9th, I had the pleasure of visiting the above Chapter accompanied by Ex. Comps. Reid, Hartley and Comps. Cosford and Smith, and witnessed the conferring of the Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees, and considering the volume of work undertaken the manner in which the various degrees were

conferred was of a highly satisfactory character. The task of installing their officers for the ensuing year was undertaken by M. Ex. Comp. Michael Walsh, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. W. O. Edwards, in a very creditable manner. A large gathering of members were present, and at the conclusion of the work an enjoyable luncheon was partaken of.

Again, on November 27th, I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter officially, but owing to unfortunate circumstances arising the candidate for the Mark Master Mason degree was unable to be present, but, as stated above, on my former visit I witnessed the work performed by this Chapter, and have no doubt as to the satisfactory performance of the work by the officers for the current year. Owing to the questions advanced an interesting and instructive evening was enjoyed by all, concluding with the usual partaking of refreshments.

Brant Chapter, No. 115, Paris.—I made my official visit on Monday evening, November 15th, to the foregoing Chapter, and was greeted by a representative attendance of its members and was accorded a very hearty reception. It was my pleasure to witness the Most Excellent Master degree conferred, which was exemplified in a very acceptable manner. It being also the night for the election of officers, this ceremony was duly conducted, and as it is customary for this Chapter to elect their officers for a term of two years, and all were re-elected, thus assuring a continuance of creditable work for the ensuing year. By a reference to the list of the overseas enlistments Brant Chapter has furnished its quota of members for the defence of the Empire. Another source of gratification was the attendance of three members of the Chapter who have occupied the position of Grand Superintendent of this District, namely, R. Ex. Comps. James Smiley, Logie and Inksater. After the duties of the Chapter were performed a very pleasant social hour was spent in the form of addresses and partaking of refreshments.

Wishing to thank the Chapters in this District for the honor conferred upon me as Grand Superintendent, and wishing the Grand Chapter and subordinate Chapters every prosperity,

Fraternally submitted,

W. L. MacWhinnie,
Grand Supt. Wilson District, No. 3.

Woodstock, Ont.

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3

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Oxford.....	18	Woodstock...	10	2	12	14	2	2.00	74	5	6	4	..	1	4	..	79	6	6	7	28	.....	500.00	110.00	450.00	112.00	250.00	5.00	Good	Yes.
Mount Horeb.	20	Brantford....	10	2	12	25	2	3.00	216	4	3	..	..	2	11	2	20	3	3	8	38	50.00	1200.00	200.00	1000.00	150.00	1000.00	100.00	Good	Yes.
Ezra.....	23	Simcoe.....	9	..	9	20	2	1.50 2.00	149	7	7	1	..	1	..	2	154	7	7	7	11	.....	.....	360.00	550.00	.....	300.00	27.50	Good	Yes.
Harris.....	41	Ingersoll	8	1	9	12	..	1.00 2.00	84	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	4	2	2	2	...	.....	.....	.....	.. ....	150.00	200.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Brant.....	115	Paris.....	9	3	12		..	1.50 3.00	55	6	6	..	..	2	..		58	6	5	5	14	.....	200.00	200.00	.....	100.00	200.00	20.00	Fair	Yes.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

M. Ex. Sir and Companions:—

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District, No. 4, for the year A.D. 1915.

As your representative I visited all the Chapters in the District, and in every instance was received with the utmost loyalty and cordiality. I found the officers, without exception, discharging their duties in a satisfactory and efficient manner and a spirit of optimism and prosperity prevailing and reasonable progress made both numerically and financially.

Chapter of Instruction.—The District is under obligation to the Excellent Principals and officers of the three Chapters who undertook the exemplification of the three degrees at the Chapter of Instruction held in Harriston on June 10th, and also to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., who favored us with his presence and gave very profitable advice and instruction.

The following programme was fully carried out: Mark Master Mason degree, exemplified by Enterprise Chapter, No. 67; Most Excellent Master degree, exemplified by Guelph Chapter, No. 40; Royal Arch degree, exemplified by Waterloo Chapter, No. 32.

The work as a whole was done in a most efficient manner and reflects credit upon the Excellent Companions and officers who took part. All present remarked that it was one of the best Chapters of Instruction that had been held in the District.

At the conclusion of the proceedings a banquet was tendered by Enterprise Chapter, at which the Most Excellent the Grand Z. delivered an address, which was

listened to with pleasure and profit. The attendance was good, all Chapters in the District being represented.

Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville.—On June 1st I visited this Chapter and received a most cordial greeting. There was a good attendance of Companions and the Royal Arch degree was conferred upon two Companions by Ex. Comp. Hulse and his officers in a very efficient manner. Very satisfactory growth is being made by this Chapter. The books are well looked after by Comp. McPherson, Scribe E.

Berlin Chapter, No. 117, Berlin.—This Chapter was officially visited on June 18th, when I had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Arch degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Downing and his staff of officers. The work was done in a faultless manner and was above criticism. Several Past Grand Superintendents assisted, and altogether the ceremony was most impressive. Comp. De Kleinhans is a most efficient Scribe E. and has his books in excellent shape. The prospects for this Chapter are bright.

Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston.—This being my home Chapter, I have been in attendance at nearly all meetings, but I visited it officially on November 1st, when I was greeted with a record attendance, a number of the Companions coming from Clifford and Palmerston. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon three candidates. The First Principal was taken ill during the evening and his work was completed by Ex. Comp. Yeo, who has occupied the Second Principal's chair this year. He did the work very efficiently, but the absence of some of the junior officers was noticeable in the ceremony.

As mentioned by R. Ex. Comp. Cook in his report last year, the membership of this Chapter is drawn from a wide territory and difficulty is experienced in securing capable officers who can attend regularly. However, new material is being brought in and I have good hopes for the future. Much credit is due to Ex. Comp. Patterson for the manner he has filled the First Principal's chair. His work in all degrees has been most thorough.

WATERLOO CHAPTER, NO. 32, GALT.—I received a most cordial reception on my visit to this Chapter on November 8th. Ex. Comp. Campbell and his officers excelled themselves in conferring the Most Excellent Master degree, exhibiting the same thoroughness as they did in exemplifying the Royal Arch degree at the Chapter of Instruction. Their election of officers was held and the utmost harmony and unanimity seemed to prevail. Their veteran Scribe E., Comp. Blake, owing to a severe illness, had been unable to attend to his duties for some time, but it was expected he would soon be able to resume work. His books are accurately and neatly kept, and dues are well paid up.

GUELPH CHAPTER, NO. 40, GUELPH.—Through some miscarriage of my letter this Chapter did not receive notice of my intended visit on November 12th, consequently there was a smaller attendance of members than usual. Ex. Comp. Scudamore of Enterprise Chapter accompanied me on this visit and we, of course, took the Companions by surprise. R. Ex. Comp. Stephenson and his staff of officers conferred the Royal Arch degree on three candidates in a very able and impressive manner. The floor work was excellent. This Chapter is to be congratulated on the splendid growth it has made this year and on its very comfortable and commodious quarters.

In conclusion I take the opportunity of thanking the Companions for the cordial manner in which I was received when on my official visits and for the bounteous hospitality they provided.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. D. MCLELLAN,
Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4.

Harriston, Ont.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4

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Waterloo.....	32	Galt.....	8	2	10	18	3.5	2.00	117	4	4	..	..	3	..	..	118	4	4	7	30	50.00	820.00	440.00	380.00	106.00	400.00	60.00	Good	Yes.
Enterprise. ..	67	Harriston....	10	1	11	16	2.75	1.00	116	8	4	1	..	..	5	..	116	4	4	4	11	Nil	679.12	479.12	200.00	26.00	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes.
Berlin.....	117	Berlin.....	10	2	12	20	3	3.00	79	8	5	..	.	3	4	1	76	5	4	3	1	Nil	.....	... ...	.....	50.00	400.00	30.00	Sple'did	Yes.
Ionic.....	83	Orangeville..	10	..	10	14	2	1.00	66	9	7	..	..	..	3	1	69	7	5	3	9	Nil	494.44	244.44	250.00	30.00	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes.
Guelph.....	40	Guelph.....	12	1	13	13	1	*2.00	80	12	9	2	..	2	..	1	88	9	8	6	15	Nil	600.00	100.00	500.00	104.50	500.00	....	Good	Yes.

* For res. and $1.00 for non-res.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Hamilton District, No. 5, during the year just ended.

I have visited all the Chapters in the District and have not found, or heard of, any sign or cause of discord among the members of any of these bodies.

Harmony and the consciousness of the strong bonds of fraternal good fellowship are found to characterize not only the internal relations among the Companions of the several Chapters, but also the connection and intercourse existing between the Chapters themselves.

The Companions individually and collectively are loyal to the Grand Chapter, and on the occasion of each visit have received the Grand Superintendent with the courtesy, decorum and respect due him as its representative.

The regard and respect shown by Companions for any of the holders of the Grand Offices measure pretty accurately the standard they set for their own conduct during their occupancy of any of these offices, on the road to which they may be consciously travelling or which, they feel, may be sometime thrust upon them to fill.

Accepting this as axiomatic, it can safely be predicted that any of the Companions of this District who may be called upon to undertake the responsibilities of any office, either in subordinate or Grand Chapter, will discharge the functions of that office with all due dignity and decorum.

I have witnessed degrees conferred in all but two of the Chapters, and in one of these all preparation had been made, but some untoward circumstances prevented the attendance of the candidates. I am able to say, however, that the officers in all the Chapters are animated by

the proper spirit, that they are duly impressed with the importance of their offices and the responsibilities devolving upon them, and that they are a body of men fully competent to render their respective parts of the various ceremonies with accuracy, intelligence and in a manner duly impressive.

A formal Chapter of Instruction has not been held, but some of the Chapters have visited others and worked degrees with all the skill and accuracy that careful preparation could lead to.

A very successful Chapter of Instruction had been conducted towards the close of the previous year, showing a satisfactory degree of efficiency in the working of the various bodies. These circumstances, together with the necessary attention given to all matters relevant to aiding the efforts Canadians were putting forth to "do their bit" in the great war seemed to render the holding of this function less imperative than under normal conditions.

The annexed table shows the progress that has been made in the matter of membership, which under all existing circumstances must be regarded as satisfactory.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. Ballard,
Grand Supt. Hamilton District, No. 5.

Hamilton, Ont.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

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The Hiram ...	2	Hamilton....	12	..	12	42	9	$3.00 1.50	348	25	19	.	1	1	5	5	357	19	18	18	54	.....	5500.00	4151.85	1348.15	150.00	500.00	163 75	Good	....
St. John's....	6	Hamilton....	10	4	14	41	4	3.00 1.50	333	33	25	3	..	5	..	7	349	25	24	24	33	.....	4809.00	3544.00	1265.00	225 00	500.00	37.00	Very Good	Yes.
St. Clair.....	75	Milton.....	10	..	10	14	1	3.00 1.50	73	4	3	1	..	..	3	1	73	3	3	3	14	55.00	598.93	198.93	400.00	34.88	200.00	.....	Ex.	Yes
White Oak. ..	104	Oakville.....	10	..	10	16	..	3.00 1.50	70	2	2	..	..	..	.	1	71	2	2	1	25	.. ..	650.00	350.00	300.00	180.00	300.00	20.00	Good	Yes.
Ancaster.....	155	Ancaster....	13	2	15	15	5	3.00 1.50	45	9	9	1	..	..	.	..	55	9	11	12	22	.....	500.00	.....	500.00	60 00	400.00	10.00	Good	Yes.
The Hamilton.	175	Hamilton ...	10	..	10	21	3	5.00 2 00	88	2	2	..	.	.	..	..	90	2	2	2	0	13.50	416.25	19.00	397.25	19 00	400.00	.....	Good	Yes.

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Huron District, No. 6, for the past year.

The conditions throughout the District are good. All Chapters are in a healthy state, with one exception, Lucknow, No. 147, Lucknow. I visited this town with the hope of resuscitating the Chapter, but found Capitular Masonry almost dead. Two of the Companions are anxious to resuscitate the Chapter, but I am of the opinion that it is located too closely to the Chapters at Wingham and Kincardine, and under these conditions it will be almost impossible to have a good working Chapter in Lucknow.

When on my official visits I was received most cordially by the Companions; each one endeavored to show his loyalty to the Grand Chapter by honoring its representative in a signal manner. The attendance at all my meetings was good. Some of the Chapters were a little handicapped by the absence of officers who are showing their devotion to king and country by enlisting for overseas duty, but notwithsatnding this, the work was well done in all cases, the vacancies among the officers being credibly filled by the loyal Past Principals of the respective Chapters.

LEBANON CHAPTER, NO. 84, WINGHAM.—On Tuesday, May 18th, I visited this Chapter and was given a very cordial reception by the Companions. Ex. Comp. E. B. Walker, the First Principal of the Chapter, was in the chair, and with his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a masterly manner. One of the pleasing features of the convocation was the presentation of a Grand Chapter regalia by the Companions to V. Ex. Comp.

W. A. Campbell, Grand Organist, who had well merited the honor. After the duties of the evening were over I was entertained by a splendid banquet and toast list.

Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich.—I visited this Chapter on Tuesday, October 19th, and received a warm welcome from the Companions. Owing to the absence of Ex. Comp. Major H. C. Dunlop, who is in training for overseas duty, Ex. Comp. H. O. Sturdy occupied the First Principal's position, and performed the duties pertaining thereto in a satisfactory manner. The opening and closing was correct; every officer appeared to know his position and did what was required of him. The finances of the Chapter are well looked after by Comp. J. Straiton, who is a faithful and zealous Scribe E.; his books are well kept and he is the essence of courteousness. There was no degree work, so I occupied the evening by giving the Companions a talk on various parts of the "work," after which a tasty repast was served, followed by a good toast list.

Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford.—On October 22nd I visited this, my home Chapter, and was presented with the Sceptre by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. F. A. Copus, in an address of welcome that was marked by a strong, warm, personal feeling. Tecumseh Chapter is the largest in the District, and at the present time is in a prosperous condition. After business was concluded two candidates were exalted to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch by Ex. Comp. Copus and his officers, in a manner that could not but elicit my warmest praise. It was masterly, finished, and perfect; there was not a weak point from the Master of the First Veil to the Ex. Z. At the conclusion of the degree we repaired to the banquet hall, where a choice luncheon was enjoyed, followed by a short toast list presided over by Ex. Comp. Copus.

The Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth.—I visited this Chapter on November 3rd and was warmly received by the Companions. There being no degree work, the evening was profitably spent by a discussion of the

"work" and other matters pertaining to Capitular Masonry. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. A. A. McLennan, and his officers opened and closed the Chapter in the prescribed form, demonstrating that they were quite familiar with the work as laid down by Grand Chapter.

St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Mary's.—On November 8th I paid my official visit to this Chapter and spent a most enjoyable evening. Ex. Comp. Hyland and his officers exalted two candidates in a very pleasing manner. R. Ex. Comp. F. Sharp, who is over eighty years of age, gave the Mystical Lecture in a manner that would compare favorably with that done by Companions forty years his junior. This Chapter is having one of the most prosperous years in its history, and the officers and members are to be congratulated on their zeal.

Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton.—I visited this Chapter on November 16th, and in the absence of the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Bell, who was unavoidably detained in Ottawa, on business, the chair was taken by R. Ex. Comp. Scott. After the business of the evening was concluded, the Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates by R. Ex. Comp. Scott, assisted by Ex. Comp. Burns and the officers, and although these Ex. Companions only had a few hours' notice in which to prepare themselves, they proved that they had not lost their "cunning" by putting the degree on in a very creditable manner.

Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine.—On November 19th I officially visited this Chapter and was warmly welcomed by R. Ex. Comp. Miller, the First Principal. At the conclusion of the business the chair was taken by Ex. Comp. MacPherson, who with the officers conferred the Most Excellent Master Mason degree on a candidate in a very pleasing manner. The work was followed by a tasty repast and an excellent toast list, at which some splendid addresses were given. I am very much indebted to Ex. Comp. MacPherson for his kind hospitality during my short stay in Kincardine.

BERNARD CHAPTER, No. 146, LISTOWEL.—I visited this Chapter on November 29th and was warmly received by Ex. Comp. Sutherland, the First Principal. It was the intention of the officers to work the Royal Arch degree, but unfortunately the candidate, who lives out of town, did not appear, so I gave the Companions an address on matters pertaining to Capitular Masonry. At this meeting I met many personal friends, including R. Ex. Comps. Col. Campbell and H. B. Morphy, M.P., and Comps. ex-Mayor John Watson and A. St. George Hawkins, who all assisted in making the meeting an interesting one by giving short, pointed addresses.

ELLIOT CHAPTER, No. 129, MITCHELL.—On November 30th I visited this Chapter and was accorded a hearty greeting by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Dr. Smith, and the Companions. Two candidates were exalted to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch, by Ex. Comp. Smith and his officers, and the work was well done. The rendering of the First Principal's part was a treat. Ex. Comp. Smith appeared to be in rare form, and is to be congratulated on his excellent work. He was ably assisted by Ex. Comp. Shafer, acting as Principal Sojourner. I had the pleasure of meeting R. Ex. Comp. Elliot, who aided materially in making the meeting a profitable one.

In concluding, I would say I have received the hearty co-operation of the Companions throughout the District, and in consequence the work has been most pleasant, and I trust that my services have been of some profit to the Companions and their Chapters.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. J. MALLION,
Grand Supt. Huron District, No. 6.

Stratford, Ont.

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6

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Tecumseh ...	24	Stratford..	9	2	11	14	1	2.00	172	12	9	..	..	6	14	4	157	9	9	5	17	Nil	724.30	200.00	400.00	124.30	400.00	17.50	Good	Yes.
Huron	30	Goderich.....	10	1	11	15	..	2.00	102	3	3	.	..	2	2	2	99	3	3	3	16	892.57	892.57	192.57	700.00	122.00	200.00	50.00	Good	Yes.
St. James'....	46	St. Mary's...	9	3	12	15	2	1.50	68	12	7	..	..	..	.	1	74	7	7	9	50	41.50	377.65	54.62	248.03	198.50	Nil	10.00	Good	Yes.
Havelock.....	63	Kincardine...	11	..	11	11	1	2.00	61	5	5	3	..	2	1	.	66	5	4	3	16	Nil	500.00	200.00	300.00	30.00	200.00	15.00	Good	Yes.
Malloch.	66	Seaforth....	10	3	13	15	1	2.50	64	3	3	..	..		..	1	66	3	..	..	4	Nil	200.00	200.00	.....	50 00	200.00	50 00	Good	Yes.
Lebanon.....	84	Wingham....	7	2	9	11	2	3 00 1 50	53	2	2	2	..	..	1	.	56	2	2	2	10	70.00	200.00	.....	300.00	50.00	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes.
Elliot	129	Mitchell.....	6	..	6	10	1	1.50 3.00	35	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	36	2	2	2	18	Nil	455.50	65.00	125.00	270.50	100.00	5.00	Good	Yes.
Chantry.....	130	Southampton	7	2	9	12	1	2 50	66	2	2	..	..	5	2	..	61	2	2	2	10	Nil	375.00	75.00	300.00	150.00	300.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Bernard... ..	146	Listowel.....	4	2	6	10	1	2.00	50	..	..	.	1	1	1	.	49		1	1	20	40.00	350.00	200.00	150.00	100.00	100 00	10 00	Good	Yes.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Niagara District, No. 7, for the past year. I have visited every Chapter officially, with the exception of Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara, which Chapter, owing to the large military camp being held there during the greater portion of the year, and early in the autumn the accidental death of their Scribe E., entirely disorganized the Chapter, so that a regular convocation has not been held for some months. However, after their trying period is past they undoubtedly will come to the front again, for I am assured by some of the old Companions that the Chapter is as sound as ever.

The greatest harmony prevails in every Chapter of the District, and in spite of the unprecedented conditions prevailing in the world's affairs the Chapters on the whole have made headway and the outlook for the future argues well.

The Scribes E. in this District are a capable body of men, who have the welfare of their respective Chapters well in hand. The Books of Marks throughout the District show a distinct improvement over the past, thanks to the efforts of my predecessors in office, and will show above the percentage in most Districts. In every case I have endeavored to impress upon the Companions who may have been negligent regarding the Book of Marks the necessity of complying as soon as possible with the instructions of Grand Chapter in this respect.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, NO. 19, ST. CATHARINES. —I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the evening of the 19th November, and I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. R. G. W. Conolly, now a resident of St. Catha-

rines, but an old member of McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville, Ontario. I was received in a very cordial manner by the Excellent Z. and Companions of Mount Moriah Chapter, and after the business of the evening was over I was requested to present a Past Z.'s jewel to the retiring First Principal. The gift was greatly appreciated by the recipient, after which the Chapter was closed in the Royal Arch degree. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the Mark Master Mason degree, and a lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the work of the degree was conferred on the candidate in a very efficient manner, several of the Past Principals, and among them several R. Ex. Companions, taking part. This is the oldest Chapter in the District, is in very capable hands, books and finances in excellent shape, and prospects bright. In R. Ex. Comp. A. N. Lindsay they have a very capable Scribe E. After the labors of the evening were over a banquet was held, which wound up a very enjoyable gathering.

McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.—Being a regular attendant at this, my own Chapter, and taking some part in the exemplification of the work, I made my official visit at the time the Chapter of Instruction was held. The officers of McCallum Chapter entertained the visitors on the occasion. This Chapter is in excellent shape, prospects very bright, and its members very enthusiastic. During the year the Scribe E., Comp. A. A. Lamonby removed from the town, but the office is now ably filled by Ex. Comp. J. E. Yocom.

King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Thursday, 6th May, accompanied by Comp. W. J. Appleyard, the Senior Sojourner of McCallum Chapter, No. 29, whose home is in that district. A very cordial reception was tendered by Ex. Comp. Smith and Ex. Comp. Winn and the Companions of the Chapter. Owing to an unexpected public meeting being held, a number of Companions were delayed, and so the work was late in starting. It had been the intention of the Excellent Z. to have exemplified the

Most Excellent Master degree, but owing to the absence of the candidate this could not be carried out. However, a ballot was taken and, being found favorable, the Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by the officers, assisted by Ex. Comp. Winn. It was indeed pleasing to learn that after the few years of difficulties against which this Chapter has been fighting that it has taken upon itself a new lease of life, and the officers appear very zealous in their work. I feel sure that good results will be brought about. The Chapter certainly appreciates the efforts of Ex. Comp. Winn, who has carried the burden imposed on him for so long, and showed its appreciation after a previous convocation by presenting him with a Past Z.'s jewel, as a token of esteem, at a banquet tendered to him. In their Scribe E. they have a painstaking and zealous officer.

Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter at their regular convocation held on Wednesday, the 26th May. A very cordial reception was tendered me on the occasion, being termed the Chapter reunion, and commemorative badges were handed to the Companions. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree, and was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner by the Excellent Z. and his officers, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Ross, who gave the Mystical Lecture, and R. Ex. Comp. Cohoe gave a symbolical lecture covering the work in the different degrees. The officers of this Chapter are composed of young Companions and are very enthusiastic in their work for the welfare of the Chapter, which argues well for the future. The work of the P. S. is worthy of mention. Before the Chapter was closed I was requested by the Excellent Z. to make a presentation of a Past Z.'s apron and sash to Ex. Comp. Bampton, a very zealous and enthusiastic Companion of the Chapter, and a regular attendant, willing at all times to render every assistance, which the Companions showed an appreciation of by the gift made. The recipient, although taken by surprise, made a suitable reply. This Chapter has a valuable officer in the Scribe E., Comp. Wells, and his books are well kept. The

attendance of Companions is very satisfactory. After the work of the evening was ended an adjournment was made to the Guild Hall, where a splendid banquet had been prepared by the ladies, and we were joined by a number of Companions who had been prevented from attending the Convocation owing to a patriotic lecture being held during the evening. A very pleasant hour or so was spent and some interesting reminiscences were given by Ex. Comps. German and Stewart concerning an occasion when the Companions of Willson Chapter's degree team exemplified work some years ago at a Chapter of Instruction held in Toronto.

Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby.—On Monday, the 6th December, I officially visited Grimsby Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Companion Thomas Marshall of McCallum Chapter. The Convocation was late in beginning the work of the evening, owing to the arrival about 8 p.m. of two of the boys from Grimsby, members of the Canadian First Contingent, who had returned from the front invalided, and the populace were tendering them a reception. The Excellent Companion accompanying me and myself were tendered a very hearty reception by the Excellent Z. and Companions of this Chapter, and after the business of the evening was over the Chapter was closed in the Royal Arch degree. A lodge of Mark Master Masons was then opened and the exemplification of that degree took place, which was given in a very satisfactory manner. The Excellent Z. was assisted by Ex. Comp. Cowan, and the final charge given by the old veteran, Ex. Comp. Dr. Milward. It must be quite an inspiration to the Chapter and younger Companions to see so many old Companions in attendance and taking part in the work. This Chapter has a very artistic Book of Marks, and books and finances are in excellent shape, R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Phipps being a painstaking Scribe E. After the conclusion of the work a banquet was held, which closed a very enjoyable meeting.

Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls.—It was my intention to have paid my official visit to this

Chapter on Friday, the 21st May, the date of their regular convocation, but at the request of the Excellent Z. I attended a special convocation on Friday, the 7th May, as this Chapter was entertaining the Companions of Niagara Falls Chapter, No. 200, of New York State, and was exemplifying the Royal Arch degree. A number of Companions from my own Chapter intended to have accompanied me on this visit, but owing to the bad condition of the roads were prevented from doing so. I was most cordially received by the Excellent Z. and officers, also Past Grand Superintendent R. Ex. Comp. Carter and V. Ex. Comp. Sloggett, who, I was glad to learn, had recovered sufficiently from his recent illness to be on hand to welcome me. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified on a class of three in a very capable manner by the Excellent Z. and his officers; in fact the work was rendered letter perfect. The Mystical Lecture was given by Ex. Comp. Anderson in an able manner. The work of the P. S. is particularly worthy of mention. This Chapter has a very highly efficient officer in Ex. Comp. Swannell, the Scribe E., and his books are in splendid shape. This Chapter has apparently carried no insurance on their equipment, but their attention was called to this, and this defect has now been remedied. The attendance at this Chapter is not what it should be with the membership they have. After the completion of the labors of the evening a most enjoyable hour was spent at a banquet tendered myself and the visiting Companions from the American side.

Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Bridgeburg.—I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this Chapter on the evening of the 12th October, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Yocom, the I. P. Z., and Comp. A. A. Lamonby, the Scribe E., of McCallum Chapter. We met with a most cordial reception from Ex. Comp. Kee and the Companions, and taking into consideration that several of the Companions were absent from town and a number are attached to the Home Guard, the attendance was satisfactory. Ex. Comp. Jukes introduced me, and the Companions received me in a very hearty manner. After the business of the evening was concluded a lodge

of Most Excellent Masters was opened and the degree exemplified in a highly satisfactory manner on two candidates by the officers. The Scribe E., Companion North, has his books in good shape, and the Chapter is in a very satisfactory condition, with good prospects. At the close of the work of the evening an enjoyable social time was held, at which light refreshments were served, which brought to a close a very enjoyable and, I trust, a profitable evening.

Chapter of Instruction.—For the first time in the history of Capitular Masonry in Dunnville, Ontario, a Chapter of Instruction was held under the auspices of McCallum Chapter, No. 29, on Friday, the 29th October, 1915, and we were honored by the presence of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., W. S. R. Murch, who was accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Acting Grand Third Principal; R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, Acting Grand Scribe E.; R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer, and Ex. Comp. W. F. Bilger, of Toronto, Ontario. A lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened at 3 p.m. by Ex. Comp. J. W. R. Kee and officers of Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Bridgeburg, who exemplified the degree in a highly satisfactory manner, and I regret that the Grand Chapter officers were not present to witness the work, as they arrived just as it was finished. I am thankful to this Chapter for its assistance, and being the "baby Chapter" of the District and the first time the Chapter had exemplified work at a Chapter of Instruction, it was indeed gratifying.

A lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened at 4.30 p.m. by the officers of McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville, Ontario, assisted by two Companions from King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne, with R. Ex. Comp. G. E. Parkes, the Grand Superintendent, in the chair. The officers of King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, were to have exemplified this degree, but through an exaggerated report received of an epidemic of smallpox, they were apparently afraid to come at the last moment, although I feel grateful to the two Companions who put

in an appearance. Therefore, the exemplification of the degree was an impromptu performance so far as McCallum Chapter was concerned, but nevertheless congratulations were extended by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. and the other Grand Chapter officers on the exemplification of the work.

In the evening the Chapter was opened at 8.15 o'clock by the Ex. Z., J. R. Robb, and officers of McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville, Ontario, and the M. Ex. the Grand Z. and other representatives of Grand Chapter were received with the customary grand honors, after which the M. Ex. the Grand Z. and Grand Chapter officers occupied the chairs and consecrated and dedicated the new Chapter quarters used by McCallum Chapter, No. 29. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Ex. Z., J. H. Culp, and officers of Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, of Grimsby, Ontario, took charge of the proceedings and exemplified the Royal Arch degree on three candidates. Congratulations were extended to the officers of McCallum Chapter by the Grand Chapter officers, on their work.

Short addresses were made by the M. Ex. the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, who is an old Haldimand County boy; R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, Acting Grand Scribe E., and R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, the Grand Lecturer, who also delivered a very able lecture on the lessons and symbolisms appertaining to the Mark Master Mason degree, which was enjoyed by all present.

After the completion of the work of the day, an informal reception was tendered the Grand Chapter officers and visiting Companions by the officers of McCallum Chapter, in the Dunnville Club Rooms. After the inner man had been refreshed, a short programme of speeches was presented and a speech full of reminiscences of the Grand River and Haldimand County, by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, brought a very successful gathering to a close.

My thanks are tendered to all the Companions who assisted in carrying through this Chapter of Instruction, and I regret that the attendance was not even larger, although, taking everything into consideration, it was indeed satisfactory. I trust that Capitular Masonry in the Niagara District, over which I have had the honor to preside this year, will greatly benefit by it.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions of the Niagara District for the honor they conferred upon me by electing me to the high office of Grand Superintendent, also for the uniform courtesy and many kindnesses extended to me throughout the District, and it is with a degree of sorrow that I surrender my work, but it will be some consolation for me to look back and know that Capitular Masonry in the Niagara District, in spite of the turmoil and trials through which the world is passing, is in a prosperous condition and that true harmony exists.

Fraternally submitted,

G. E. Parkes,
Grand Supt. Niagara District, No. 7.

Dunnville, Ont.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.F.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?
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Mt. Moriah...	19	St. Catharines..	12	1	13	19	..	3.00	177	13	13	..	..	1	..	4	185	13	7	6	.	Nil	2495.00	1195.00	1000.00	30.00	600.00	100.00	Good	Yes.
McCallum...	29	Dunnville.....	9	4	13	18	3	2.00	77	5	5	..	..	..	..	3	79	5	5	4	14	Nil.	720.00	220.00	400.00	100.00	400.00	25.00	Good	Yes.
Niagara.....	55	Niagara.....	4	..	4	11		1.20	37	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	38	1	1	1	13	60.00	159.00	29.00	100.00	90.00	.....	Nil	Good	Yes.
King Hiram.	57	Port Colborne...	8	4	12	12	1	1 50	36	6	6	..	..	1	..	..	41	6	5	3		Nil.	440.00	200.00	200.00	40.00	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes.
Willson	64	Welland.....	9	4	13	25	5	3 00	127	8	8	..	..	1	18	1	115	8	8	8	7	Nil	1000.00	100.00	800.00	100.00	600.00	10.00	Good	Yes.
Grimsby.....	69	Grimsby.....	9	..	9	25	..	2.00	104	0	1	..	..	..	..	2	103	1	..	..	..	Nil.	850.00	300.00	500.00	50.00	200 00	15.00	Good	Yes.
Mount Nebo.	76	Niagara Falls ..	10	2	12	20	4	3.00	143	9	10	1	2	..	..	3	153	10	9	9	28	Nil.	2013.00	1200.00	500.00	313.00	300.00	150.00	Good	Yes.
Hugh Murray	184	Bridgeburg.....	9	..	9	15	3	3.00	41	5	5	..	..	1	..	..	45	5	5	4	..	Nil.	723.00	323.00	400.00	.....	300.00	Nil	Fair	Yes.

TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Toronto District, No. 8, for the year 1915.

I wish, first of all, to express my thanks to the Companions of this District for the honor they conferred on me at the last convocation of Grand Chapter by unanimously electing me as their Grand Superintendent. I assumed the office with many misgivings as to my ability to successfully carry out the duties of the office, but the splendid assistance and loyal support which I have received, not only from the officers of every Chapter in the District, but from the Past Superintendents of the District and the many present and past Grand Chapter officers, has done much to make my task easy. Any success that I have had has been due to this splendid support.

To successfully preside over this large District is indeed no easy task, entailing, as it does, a great deal of visiting and much correspondence, but the pleasure that I have derived from becoming intimately acquainted with the Companions has more than repaid me for any efforts I have made.

My first duty on assuming office was to address a communication to each Chapter thanking them for electing me and asking for their support. I also impressed on each Chapter, that I looked not so much during this year for the quantity of work done, but for quality. My wishes thus expressed have been more than met. The quality of work done by every Chapter has been good; by many of the Chapters excellent. The numerical increase has not been as good as usual; a few of the Chapters have held their own and made a substantial increase in numbers. Many of the Chapters have had very few new members added to their numbers. The

reasons for this have not been difficult to find: the depression caused by the war and the general financial stringency, also the fact that many of those young Masons who would have sought advancement into the Royal Craft were engaged in those larger duties of fighting for their king and country.

In this connection I am pleased to be able to report that every Chapter in the District is well represented by Companions at the front or in training. The Chapters are very proud of these Companions. Nowhere is the spirit of loyalty more marked than among Royal Arch Masons. Every Chapter publishes in its circular an honor list of these members, and many have been the interesting letters read from Companions at the front. The Chapters have not stopped here, but have shown practical aid and assistance to these Companions by forwarding many gifts. In every case also the fees of these Companions have been remitted during their absence, and where they have held offices they have been held in line of promotion.

In most of the Chapters addresses have been delivered on some subject relating to the war, and many of the Chapters have made substantial gifts to Patriotic and Red Cross Funds. On the several occasions when the M. Ex. the Grand Z. has visited Chapters in this District he has specially requested that the National Anthem should be sung before the Chapter closed.

Peace and harmony has reigned in this District during the year. I have had no controversial matters whatever to deal with.

I had one request from the Companions of a Chapter to be allowed to attend the funeral of a prominent Mason in Royal Arch regalia. This request I refused to grant, ruling that a funeral at all times must be a Blue Lodge function.

I was obliged to call the attention of one Chapter to the fact that the circular was issued with the TT. This

sign must be reserved for very important occasions, and it is quite out of place on a monthly circular.

I have had also to draw the attention of a number of the Chapters to the practice of sending out notices and circulars in unsealed envelopes. I regret to say that my instructions in this respect are not being obeyed.

During the past year Royal Arch Masonry in general, and this District in particular, suffered a very severe loss in the sudden death of R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White, Grand Third Principal. Aubrey White was personally known and loved by every Companion in this District. His sudden death last July at his summer cottage in Muskoka came as a great shock to his brethren. During the three or four months preceding his death he visited a number of Chapters with me. The addresses he gave to the brethren on these occasions were reminiscent of the past and prophetic of greatness for the future—full of kindly advice and expressive of the highest ideals of Masonry so dear to his heart. He died as he would have wished, like the old warhorse he was, in harness to the final call. He was a man who loved his fellows. His memory will live and his bright example persist for years among those who knew him.

The serious illness of R. Ex. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., has been a matter of much concern to the Companions, and everywhere one hears words of sympathy, with hopes for his speedy recovery. So far those hopes have not been realized. Geo. J. Bennett has been a power in Grand Chapter for years, and his temporary retirement from active duties has been a distinct loss.

The appointments of M. Ex. Comp. Harcourt to the position of Grand Third Principal and of R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, as acting Grand Scribe E., have met with the approval of the Companions of this District. R. Ex. Comp. Smith has given me freely of his time and has been a great help to me in many ways. He is ever accessible and always willing to accompany me on a fraternal visit.

During the year one new Chapter was instituted—Victoria Chapter, Thornhill. The Chapter was instituted in the Masonic Hall, Thornhill, on Wednesday, May 12th. I was accompanied and assisted in the ceremony by R. Ex. Comps. H. T. Smith, acting Grand Scribe E.; R. J. Gibson, W. S. Milne and W. H. Shaw, Past Grand Superintendents, and V. Ex. Comp. Jos. Doust. There was a fair attendance of Companions.

Chapter of Instruction.—In obedience to the expressed wish of the Grand First Principal I arranged immediately on assuming office to hold a Chapter of Instruction for the District. The officers of The St. Patrick Chapter very kindly invited the Chapters of the District to hold the Chapter of Instruction under their auspices and offered to bear all the expenses, including a splendid dinner and supper and the usual entertainment of the Fourth degree. I was pleased to accept this kind offer, and wish now to thank the officers and Companions of The St. Patrick Chapter for their kindness and the splendid way in which they entertained the District.

The Chapter of Instruction was held on Saturday, April 17th, at the Temple Building. There was a very large attendance, nearly 300 Companions being present. Every Chapter in the District was represented. The Principals and officers of all the city Chapters were present with few exceptions. Unfortunately Saturday proved a bad day for the out-of-town Chapters, and consequently they were not so well represented. A very large number of present and past Grand Chapter officers were present, among them being M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Grand Z.; M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, P.G.Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White, Grand J.; R. Ex. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Grand S. E.; R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Hoidge, Grand S. N.; R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer; R. Ex. Comps. H. T. Smith, R. W. Clewlo, R. W. Brennan, E. M. Carleton, W. S. Milne, W. H. Shaw, A. G. Horwood, Past Grand Superintendents.

The St. Patrick Chapter was opened at 2.30 p.m. in the Royal Arch degree and the Grand Council and Grand

Chapter officers were received and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. Graham, the First Principal of the Chapter. The Grand Chapter officers were accorded Grand Honors by the Companions. The Grand First Principal thanked the Companions for their kind welcome and then requested me to assume the sceptre.

A lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened at 3 o'clock by the officers of The St. Patrick Chapter, with Ex. Comp. W. J. Tow in the chair. The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner.

At 4.30 p.m. a lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened by the officers of Antiquity Chapter, with Ex. Comp. O. L. Gardner in the chair. The Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified. This degree was worked by the officers of the Chapter, assisted by a picked team from among the Companions, with full musical ritual. The officers of Antiquity Chapter were congratulated on the beautiful character of their work, and much discussion followed as to how this degree might be improved.

In the evening the officers of St. Paul's Chapter exemplified the Royal Arch degree, with Ex. Comp. R. J. Reade in the chair. This degree was exemplified in a faultless manner, the work of Comp. George E. Evans as Principal Sojourner being particularly worthy of notice. Ex. Comp. R. J. Reade filled the office of First Principal with a few hours' notice in the absence, through illness, of Ex. Comp. Geo. H. D. Lee. He rendered the Mystical Lecture in a most impressive manner.

At the conclusion of each of the degrees R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer, exemplified for the benefit of the Companions the proper signs of each degree.

During the afternoon and evening opportunity was afforded for a full discussion of the workings of each degree, in which many of the Grand Chapter officers present took part.

Before the Chapter of Instruction closed short addresses were delivered by M. Ex. Comp. Murch and R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White.

St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, No. 4.—This old historic Chapter continues to do good work. While there has not been a great numerical increase this year, the interest and character of the work have been fully up to the splendid traditions of the past. When one reads the splendid history of this Chapter, compiled by R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, he reads the history of Masonry in Canada, and when one reads over the list of officers of the past he finds the names of those who were among the founders of this country. On Friday, April 16th, I had the pleasure of attending a very interesting meeting of this Chapter, when M. Ex. Comp. D. F. MacWatt was the guest of honor, and was presented, on behalf of Grand Chapter, with a gift of silverware on the occasion of his retiring from the office of Grand First Principal. The presentation was made by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, who spoke very highly of the splendid work done for Grand Chapter by M. Ex. Comp. MacWatt, referring particularly to the firmness and dignity he had shown in handling the Alberta question. A very large attendance of Grand Chapter officers was present, among them being R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White, Grand J.; R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Hoidge, Grand S. N.; R. Ex. Comps. H. T. Smith, R. W. Clewlo, R. W. Brennan, V. Ex. Comps. Caspar Clark, A. Lougheed, and many others. My official visit of inspection to this Chapter was made in November, at the regular convocation. I was introduced by my very good friends, R. Ex. Comps. H. T. Smith and A. G. Horwood. There was a fair attendance of Companions. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by the officers of the Chapter, with First Principal Ex. Comp. Mulholland in the chair. The work of the Principal Sojourner was particularly impressive. The Mystical Lecture was given by R. Ex. Comps. Smith and Horwood. During the evening the annual elections were held and I was asked to act as one of the scrutineers. The duties of this

office were by no means onerous, as the elections passed off very smoothly.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8.—This Chapter is one of the best in the District. This year it was presided over by a very energetic Craftsman, in the person of Ex. Comp. Dr. Alex. Elliott. The Chapter is well officered, has a most efficient Scribe E., whose books are a model of neatness, and has a splendid choir. I paid my official visit to the Chapter at the May convocation, when I received a very warm welcome. I was accompanied on my visit by V. Ex. Comp. Lougheed and R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan. There was a splendid attendance of Companions. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on one candidate, with the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Dr. Elliott, acting as W. M., and the Second and Third Principals as S. W. and J. W. respectively. The degree was conferred in a faultless manner, the work of the junior officers being particularly good. At the Fourth degree the Companions provided a splendid musical programme and were also favored by a very interesting address by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan on the "Red Cross" work. I was also present at the October convocation of this Chapter, when a reception was held to M. Ex. Comp. Murch. There was a very large attendance of Companions, the Chapter room being full to overflowing. The Grand Z. was accompanied by more than twenty present and past Grand Chapter officers. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates in a manner to win the highest praise of the Grand Z. At the Fourth degree the Companions were given a rare treat in a patriotic address by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, of Belleville.

Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter at the regular convocation in October. There was a very small attendance of members. I was cordially received by the First Principal and a few of the officers. There was no candidate present, so I requested the officers to exemplify the Mark Master Mason degree, which they did fairly well. At the

conclusion of the degree I addressed the Companions briefly and pointed out how the work could be improved. A very pleasant hour was spent at the Fourth degree. I regret to report that this Chapter is not making any progress. With a good membership, fees fairly well paid, there seems an entire lack of interest. A large number of the members live in the country, some of them many miles from the town, which makes it difficult for them to be regular attendants. Another handicap this year has been that the Home Guard of the town meets on the same night as the Chapter, which prevents many members attending. I would suggest that the Chapter convocations be held on some other night so as to remove this difficulty. It seems to me that a little more energy and enthusiasm could improve conditions in Doric Chapter. There are a number of very good Blue Lodges to draw members from, and all that these brethren require, is to be shown the beauties of the Royal Arch. No Chapter can make progress by admitting one candidate a year. The officers must have frequent opportunities of conferring degrees on real candidates to do good work. The finances and books of the Chapter are fairly satisfactory.

York Chapter, No. 62, North Toronto.—I visited this Chapter at the regular convocation in December. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Ormiston. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson, Past Grand Superintendent, who is a tower of strength to York Chapter. There was a splendid attendance of members, and I was much impressed by the beautiful Chapter room and the splendid furnishings. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates. The degree was worked most creditably. The work of the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Ward, was particularly good. I have never heard the Mystical Lecture given more correctly or more impressively. After the Chapter closed a very pleasant entertainment was provided at the Fourth degree. York Chapter has not added many members this year, but it is well officered and its outlook for the future excellent. It is situated in a growing district and ought to obtain many good new members. The books of

the Chapter I found to be kept in a most satisfactory manner and the fees fairly well collected.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65.—This is my own Chapter, and I had the pleasure of being present at every meeting. St. Paul's Chapter has had a most successful year under the able guidance of Ex. Comp. Geo. H. D. Lee and his efficient officers. I have seen all the degrees conferred during the year. The work has been quite up to the standard of former years. St. Paul's Chapter has suffered a severe loss this year by the death of three of its most prominent members. R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White, Grand Third Principal, died during the vacation at his summer residence in Muskoka. He was for many years an active member of the Chapter and will be greatly missed. It was a treat to see him at the annual reunion fill the office of Principal Sojourner. R. Ex. Comp. Geo. F. Shepley, Past Grand Third Principal, died in January. Many years ago he was an active member of the Royal Craft and had been advanced to the high position of Grand Third Principal. Of late years, owing to poor health and active legal work, his attendance at the Chapter was necessarily not frequent. Comp. Anthony W. Croft died in November. He was one of the younger members of the Chapter and held a junior office. He was greatly beloved by his Companions, a true Mason at heart, and had he lived would doubtless have been advanced to high office in the Royal Craft. My first visit to any Chapter after my election as Grand Superintendent was to St. Paul's Chapter, when at the March convocation the Companions were good enough to tender a reception to R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White and myself. The Chapter was honored by the presence of a large number of present and past Grand Chapter officers, and I had the honor of being invested with my regalia of office by the Grand Third Principal. I paid my official visit of inspection at the November meeting. The pleasure of this visit was greatly enhanced by the presence of M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Grand Z., who was accompanied by a very large number of present and past Grand Chapter officers. There was a splendid attendance

of Companions. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on four candidates by the Past Principals of the Chapter, with R. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Allen, Z.; M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, H.; R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, J., and R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, P. S. It was an inspiration to see the work conferred by these past masters of the art. At the December meeting of the Chapter I presided in the absence through illness of Ex. Comp. Lee. The elections were held and, as usual in St. Paul's Chapter, every officer received a unanimous vote. A rare treat was afforded the Companions by a scholarly address from Comp. Mitchell on the "Symbols of Royal Arch Masonry." I have made reference in an earlier part of this report to the fact that the officers of St. Paul's Chapter exemplified the Royal Arch degree at a Chapter of Instruction in April at the Temple Building. For the fifteenth successive year the Scribe E. reports no outstanding dues——a unique record. The books of the Chapter are kept in a most creditable manner by the Scribe E., Comp. H. S. Park.

Occident Chapter, No. 77.—This Chapter is not only the largest in Canada, but probably the most active. The attendance of members at each convocation is very large, and the interest is well sustained. This year has been a very successful year for Occident Chapter under the able leadership of Ex. Comp. David Proctor. My official visit was made at the May convocation, when I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White and R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith. There was a very large attendance of members. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on four candidates. Ex. Comp. Dr. George Graham acted as W. M., and his work, as well as that of the principal officers, was faultless. The work of the junior officers was not quite as perfect, but at the end of the degree I made a few suggestions which, I believe, will lead to improvement in this part of the work. At the conclusion of the work in the Chapter room we were entertained at a very interesting Fourth degree. R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White delivered what I consider one of the finest Masonic addresses it has ever been my privi-

lege to hear. It was full of the loftiest sentiments and the kindliest advice. It made a lasting impression on the Companions present. This, I believe, was the last Masonic body R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White visited before his death. I was also present at the January convocation of Occident Chapter, when I had the pleasure of assisting in the ceremony of the installation of officers. This ceremony was performed by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Horwood, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. Jos. Hickson and Geo. K. Clemens. There was the usual splendid attendance of members and the ceremony was performed in a perfect manner.

Orient Chapter, No. 79.—My official visit to this Chapter was in May at the regular convocation. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Geo. McLeish and H. T. Smith. There was a splendid attendance of Companions of the Chapter and a large number of visitors. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Dr. G. B. Foster, Past Grand Superintendent, and was most cordially received by the First Principal and his officers and Companions. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates in a most creditable manner. The work of the junior officers was particularly good, as was the precise manner in which the opening and closing in the Mark Master Mason degree was conducted. We were royally entertained at the Fourth degree, a splendid programme of music being provided, with the customary toasts. A special feature of the evening was a most interesting address by R. Ex. Comp. Rev. W. J. Armstrong, Past Grand Superintendent of the Prince Edward District. At the November convocation I had the honor and pleasure of installing the officers. I was assisted by R. Ex. Comps. Geo. McLeish, H. T. Smith and G. B. Foster and the Past Principals of the Chapter. This Chapter is doing splendid work, has a beautiful Chapter room, and is manifesting a good spirit. They are singularly fortunate in having as Scribe E. Comp. Moorhouse. His books are a model of neatness. He is eminently the right man in the right place. The Treasurer, Comp. Wm. Loft, also is a most devoted and faithful officer.

ANTIQUITY CHAPTER, NO. 91.—This Chapter has had another very successful year following on its regeneration in 1914. I have had the pleasure during the year of seeing the Most Excellent Master degree conferred twice, once at a Chapter of Instruction, to which I have already made reference, and also at a meeting of the Chapter in March. At this meeting M. Ex. Comp. Murch was received by Antiquity Chapter. There was a very large attendance and the M. Ex. the Grand Z. was accompanied by a large number of present and past Grand Chapter officers, this being his first visit officially to any Chapter in this jurisdiction. Among those accompanying him were M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, P. G. Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White, Grand J.; R. Ex. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, G. S. E.; R. Ex. Comp. Hoidge, G. S.N.; V. Ex. Comps. Caspar Clark and A. Lougheed; R. Ex. Comps. H. T. Smith, W. S. Milne, W. H. Shaw, A. G. Horwood, R. W. Brennan, R. W. Clewlo, G. B. Foster, Geo. McLeish, K. J. Dunstan, E. B. Brown and many others. The Grand Z. received a very warm welcome from the Companions and expressed his pleasure at the work of the Chapter. During the evening interesting addresses were delivered by R. Ex. Comps. White and Bennett, and also by M. Ex. Comp. Harcourt. A very pleasing event took place when R. Ex. Comp. Hoidge was presented, on behalf of the Chapter, with a set of regalia and invested by the Grand Z. as Grand S. N. The Most Excellent Master degree was a revelation to the visitors. From being a very commonplace degree, it was raised to new dignity. Great credit is due to Ex. Comp. Gardiner and his officers for the hard work they have done in presenting such splendid work. The work as presented must have entailed a great deal of rehearsal. My only criticism is that the work of this degree as presented by the officers of Antiquity Chapter is beyond the ordinary Chapter. Too much credit cannot be given to R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Milne for the prosperous condition of Antiquity Chapter. He has labored early and late for the Chapter, and his labors have borne fruit. While he holds the office of Scribe E. the prosperity of this Chapter is assured. Ex. Comp. Gardner has been

a very energetic First Principal and most successful presiding officer. His splendid ability as a musical director has done much to assist in the musical ritual. I much regretted not being able to see this Chapter confer the Royal Arch degree during the year.

SUCCOTH CHAPTER, No. 135, UXBRIDGE.—I visited this Chapter officially at the regular convocation in October and was very cordially received and entertained by the Companions. There was a fair attendance of members. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates in a most creditable manner. In the absence of the regular Principal Sojourner, I had the pleasure of seeing the office filled by R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Ormiston, Past Grand P. S. The work of the three Principals was very good. The Mystical Lecture was delivered by Ex. Comp. Carnegie in a most impressive manner. The only weak part of the degree was the work at the veils, but this was due to the absence of the regular officers. At the conclusion of the degree I was entertained at a very pleasant informal supper. Succoth Chapter is doing good work. It has a splendid membership and is making a healthy growth. The interest is well sustained, many of the Companions coming ten miles to attend Chapter. V. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, Scribe E., is a most efficient officer and is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the Chapter. His books are splendidly kept and the fees are well collected.

SHEKINAH CHAPTER, No. 138.—My official visit to this Chapter was made at the regular convocation in October. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith. There was a large attendance of Companions, including a number of visiting Companions from city Chapters. Shekinah Chapter meets in the Masonic Hall on Annette Street, West Toronto. The Chapter rooms are large and beautifully furnished. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred on two candidates in a faultless manner. I have never witnessed this degree conferred in a more precise and perfect manner; the work of every officer, from the W. M. down, was simply

perfect. Shekinah Chapter is not a large Chapter, but it has thoroughly mastered the Most Excellent Master degree and confers it in a manner that could with profit be copied by every Chapter in the jurisdiction. After the Chapter was closed we were entertained at a very pleasant Fourth degree. Shekinah Chapter has a very capable First Principal in the person of Ex. Comp. Linton and a very energetic Scribe E. in Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth. The junior officers are enthusiastic. Considering a general depression in this part of the city during the year and the absence of a number of Companions at the war, the Chapter has had a fairly successful year.

THE ST. PATRICK CHAPTER, NO. 145.—I have had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter frequently during the year and am under a debt of gratitude to them for the splendid services they rendered to the District in connection with the holding of a Chapter of Instruction in April. Reference has been made to this in another part of my report. On this occasion I had an opportunity of seeing the officers exemplify in a very creditable manner the Mark Master Mason degree. I have not had an opportunity of seeing the other degrees conferred, but am satisfied that the officers of The St. Patrick Chapter are capable and efficient. I had the pleasure of visiting The St. Patrick Chapter at the March convocation, which is always a special occasion in this Chapter and is always of a purely social nature. There was a very large attendance of Companions, practically all of them being Companions of The St. Patrick Chapter, as very few invitations to outsiders were issued this year. The Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch degree, and after a reception to the visitors an adjournment was made to the Fourth degree, where a splendid musical programme was rendered under the direction of Comp. Donald McGregor. The Companions also were favored by a magnificent address from Ex. Comp. W. H. Wardrope, K.C., of Hamilton. At the September convocation, which I visited, an interesting address on the work of the Red Cross was delivered by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan. The Companions showed their practical sympathy by taking

up a collection, which netted $50.00, for this worthy cause. The St. Patrick Chapter lost a very much beloved Companion by the death of Comp. Frank Hague, one of the junior officers. Comp. Frank Hague was better known perhaps as a Blue Lodge Mason, being Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Canada. He was an energetic and faithful member of The St. Patrick Chapter, and will be greatly missed by his Companions. The St. Patrick Chapter is making good progress, and I predict for it a most successful future.

The Beaches Chapter, No. 163.—This Chapter meets in the Masonic Hall, Balsam Avenue. It has a very well furnished and commodious Chapter room. The Chapter is comparatively young, but has made splendid progress since its inception. There is a splendid spirit of comradeship among the members, most of whom live at the Beach. The Chapter is noted for its hospitality, and the social side or Fourth degree is a feature of every meeting. The only fault I have to find with The Beaches Chapter is that they never wish to let you go home. My official visit was made at the May convocation, when I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Aubrey White, H. T. Smith, R. W. Brennan, W. S. Milne, V. Ex. Comps. Lougheed and Caspar Clark and Ex. Comp. John Brennan. There was a splendid attendance of members and we received a very cordial welcome from Ex. Comp. Brandham and his officers. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates in a very creditable manner. After the degree we were entertained royally. Interesting addresses were given by R. Ex. Comps. White and Smith. The musical programme was excellent. I had the pleasure of attending the September convocation of The Beaches Chapter on the occasion of their annual "Canada Night." The attendance was very large, the Chapter room being filled. There were a large number of present and past Grand Chapter officers, with the Principals and officers of a majority of the city Chapters. In the absence of the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Gardiner presided and welcomed the visitors. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on three candidates in an ex-

cellent manner. At the Fourth degree a splendid programme of patriotic music was given, with a number of very interesting speeches. The toast to Canada was proposed by Ex. Comp. Capt. Rev. W. L. Baynes-Reed and responded to by Ex. Comp. G. R. McKeown, M.P.P., of Dufferin. The addresses of these two Companions were inspiring and roused the Companions to the greatest enthusiasm. The Beaches Chapter has capable and enthusiastic officers and has a splendid future.

Toronto Chapter, No. 185.—This Chapter is known as "Educational Chapter." It numbers among its active members many university graduates and many engaged in the teaching profession. Though the youngest Chapter in the city, it is one of the most active. This year, under the leadership of Ex. Comp. Dr. Hermiston, the Chapter has done splendid work. Every meeting has been well attended, and at every meeting some prominent educationalist has been asked to address the Companions at the Fourth degree. The social side has not been overlooked, and on two occasions informal entertainments have been provided for the ladies. Ex. Comp. John B. Brennan is a tower of strength to Toronto Chapter. It was largely due to his efforts, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, that a very successful "Grand Chapter Night" was held on Monday, April 19th. More than thirty-five present and past Grand Chapter officers were in attendance and were warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. Hermiston. There was a large attendance of Companions to welcome the visitors. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on three candidates, every one of the Grand Chapter officers taking some part in the work. The Principals' offices were filled as follows: M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Postlethwaite, I. P. Z.; R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, H.; R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White, J.; R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Brennan, P.S. At the conclusion of the degree M. Ex. Comp. Harcourt presided over a very enjoyable Fourth degree. My official visit to Toronto Chapter was made at the November convocation, when I had the pleasure of seeing the Mark Master Mason degree conferred in a

very satisfactory manner on two candidates. The Third Principal acted as W. M. and was well supported by the junior officers. There was a splendid attendance of members and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The books of this Chapter are in excellent hands. Comp. J. R. Bulmer is an ideal Scribe E.

Peel Chapter, No. 195.—I visited Peel Chapter on Tuesday, June 1st, and was warmly received by the Ex. First Principal and a small number of the Companions. As there was no candidate present, the officers of the Chapter exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree. The work was done fairly well. At the end of the degree I addressed the Companions briefly and showed where improvement in the work might be made. Peel Chapter is a very young Chapter, with a very small membership, but I believe under its present officers it will make good progress. There is a splendid Blue Lodge to draw from and all that is required is a little energy. Peel Chapter suffered a very severe loss in the sudden death of R. Ex. Comp. McFadden, which occurred in January. He was an enthusiastic Mason and will be greatly missed by his Companions.

Victoria Chapter, U.D., Thornhill.—Early in my year of office a petition was presented to me for the formation of a new Chapter at Thornhill. After making careful inquiries I satisfied myself that a successful Chapter could be formed, and consequently I made recommendation that a charter be granted. The Grand First Principal approved of my recommendation and on May 12th the Chapter was duly instituted and the officers installed. Reference is made in another part of my report to the ceremony of the institution of this Chapter I regret that I have been unable to visit Victoria Chapter since its institution, but I am informed that six candidates have been advanced and exalted since its inception. The Chapter is well officered and starts out with excellent prospects. There are a number of active Blue Lodges to draw from and I am confident of its success. I intend to visit this Chapter at its next regular meeting on February 9th, and will submit a report as to its work.

Before closing this report I wish again to thank the Companions of the District for their many courtesies during the year. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and if I have failed in any way it has not been for the want of an honest effort on my part.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted.

W. J. McCollum,
Grand Supt. Toronto District, No. 8.

Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8

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								$														$	$	$	$	$	$	$		
St. Andrew and St. John	4	Toronto...	10	0	10	32	6	5.00	217	3	3	..	..	2	2	5	211	3	3	4	44	.....	1209.50	464.21	360.00	317.80	250.00	5.00	Good	Yes.
King Solomon's.	8	Toronto...	11	2	13	42	9	5.00	255	13	5	2	1	7	5	3	248	5	7	9	13	.....	1158.52	608.27	290.00	260.25	100.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Doric.....	60	Newmarket	9	2	11	15	3	1.25	76	4	2	..	..	1	..	2	75	2	1	..	15	25.00	125.00	.....	.....	85.00	None	5.00	Good	Yes
York.....	62	Toronto...	10	1	11	16	2	3.60	104	3	1	.	..	4	3	3	95	1	2	2	19	31.11	633.11	306.11	250.00	77.00	200.00	30.00	Good	Yes.
St. Paul's.....	65	Toronto...	9	2	11	31	6	6.00	216	10	9	..	..	3	..	4	218	9	9	10	...	47.00	3795.50	3193.50	600.00	24.00	600.00	90.00	Good	Yes
Occident.....	77	Toronto...	10	1	11	72	5	4.00	461	27	19		..	10	19	4	447	19	19	16	25	.....	3800.00	2800.00	600.00	400.00	600.00	40.00	Good	Yes.
Orient.....	79	Toronto...	10	9	19	47	6	5.00	134	14	13	..	..	1	22	3	121	13	13	10	26	64 00	1362.21	.....	.....	204.00	500.00	14.00	Good	Yes.
Antiquity..	91	Toronto...	10	8	18	43	7	6.00	164	38	34	2	2	2	8	2	190	34	24	25	11	.....	.....	14.73	650.00	42.00	400.00	202.00	Good	Yes.
Succoth.....	135	Uxbridge .	9	1	10	11	..	2.00	82	4	1	1	..	1	5	..	78	1	1	1	...	35.00	805.00	175.00	500.00	130.00	400.00	20.00	Good	Yes
Shekinah.....	138	Toronto..	10	6	16	20	5	3.00	149	10	6	1	..	6	..	1	149	6	7	7	12	.....	809.70	156.20	175.00	193.50	250.00	.....	Good	....
The St. Patrick.	145	Toronto...	10	2	12	66	23	6 00	444	.	14	..	..	18	1	5	434	14	14	14	16	.....	3446.00	2400.00	500.00	869.00	300.00	100.00	Good	Yes
The Beaches....	163	Toronto...	10	1	11	27	9	6.00	74	6	5	..	..	1	..	2	76	5	9	8	2	115.00	466.60	88.65	410.10	78.85	400.00	.....	Good	Yes
Toronto.....	185	Toronto...	10	5	15	30	12	4.00	130	12	9	3	..	1	..	3	138	9	7	7	3	.....	1000.00	100.00	1100.00	9.50	750.00	15.00	Good	Yes.
Peel.....	195	Brampton.	8	2	10	10	1	3.00	23	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	25	2	2	..	3	40.00	150.00	.....	.....	45.00	.....	.....	Good	No *
Victoria	U.D.	Thornhill .	6	..	6	12	1	...	15	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	20	5	3	..	...	.....	.....	.....	100.00	5.00	.....	.....	Good	Yes.

 * M. M. M. and M. E. M.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

The following report is submitted for your consideration:

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER, NO. 70, BRACEBRIDGE.—It was a great pleasure for me to visit this Chapter officially on Tuesday evening, October 19th, and to see that there was no doubt about the ritualistic manner in which it is handled by all the officers of this Chapter and the great amount of personal enthusiasm that backs up the work in Bracebridge. Comp. Francis P. Warne should be complimented on the excellent system he uses in keeping track of all the minor details in connection with this work there. I also found that only eight members were overdue in payment of their dues, and the amount outstanding may be considered very small and is collectable.

COUCHICHING CHAPTER, NO. 198, ORILLIA.—On Monday evening, October 18th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, and was much impressed with the very capable manner in which the officers do their work. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a most efficient manner by Ex. Comp. W. H. Tudhope, First Principal. The other officers are to be complimented on the correctness of their work. I also found the books of the Chapter in a very satisfactory condition and a very small amount of dues outstanding, owing to the fact that their dues are paid in advance. It was also my pleasure, with the assistance of R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Otton, of Barrie, and Ex. Comp. Merrick, First Principal of Signet Chapter, to dedicate Couchiching Chapter.

MCPHERSON CHAPTER, NO. 86, MEAFORD, November 15th received my official visit, and I was accorded Grand Honors. I was impressed with the thorough manner in which all the work is done in this Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. Sparling deserves great credit in keeping this Chapter in the good condition that it is.

Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound, November 16th held its regular convocation and received the Grand Superintendent in a royal manner. The officers are now constituted of younger men, with Ex. Comp. Albert Fuller as First Principal. The correctness of the work as it is done in this Chapter is undoubted, and I look for a decided forward movement in Capitular Masonry in the city of Owen Sound.

Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie.—My official visit to this Chapter was paid on Tuesday evening, November 23rd, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a most satisfactory manner, the officers all showing evidence of being interested and enthusiastic. This was also the occasion of this Chapter's first meeting in their new hall, and was made the occasion of presenting to R. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Otton (who was chairman of the Building Committee) a Past Z.'s jewel in recognition, in a small way, for the great amount of interest taken in bringing about the state of perfection that exists in the new rooms, modernly equipped, which will, no doubt, give a great impetus to Royal Arch Masonry in this place. I found the finances of Signet Chapter in an improved state owing to the business methods adopted by the present Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Otton. No old amounts are now outstanding.

Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood.—I paid my official visit to this, my home Chapter, on Friday evening, November 26th, and it is needless to say this was a great pleasure to myself. I need not, therefore, say anything in a manner which may be considered as boasting about this Chapter, its reputation throughout the district being sufficient as to its standing in every way. I am deeply indebted to R. Ex. Comp. Geo. M. Aylsworth for assistance rendered to me while occupying the office of Grand Superintendent, and am, therefore, pleased to make this public acknowledgment and to say that his influence by presenting the fundamentals of Royal Arch Masonry in Collingwood is appreciated and that it will live for long years.

KICHIKEWANA CHAPTER, NO. 167, MIDLAND.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Thursday evening, November 25th, and wish to report that this, one of the younger Chapters in Georgian District, has made progress and can, from all appearances, be numbered among those Chapters in the District as doing good work, they having this year advanced, received and exalted seven candidates, which is more than any Chapter in the District has done. Owing to the dues being paid in advance, I found their finances in excellent shape. Ex. Comp. Keefe, as Scribe E., deserves credit for his faithful work, and a great deal of the prosperity of this Chapter is due to his own efforts.

AMABEL CHAPTER, NO. 131, WIARTON.—I am indebted to R. Ex. Comp. S. J. Cameron, who at the last minute consented to make the official visit to Amabel Chapter on my behalf, owing to a business engagement that was unavoidable. His report I am pleased to make herewith. " I made my official visit on Thursday, December 2nd, when the election of officers for the ensuing year was held. I regret to report there have not been any initiations this year, but I am pleased to say the Chapter is in good condition financially, peace and harmony prevailing. The Companions look forward to a more prosperous 1916. After the Chapter closed a very pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room."

I desire, in conclusion, to express my thanks to the many Companions who have been of assistance to me during my term of office.

Fraternally yours,

J. F. ZIMMERMAN,
Grand Supt. Georgian District, No. 9.

Collingwood, Ont.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9

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								$														$	$	$	$	$	$	$		
Manitou.....	27	Collingwood..	10	..	10	20	2	2.00	145	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	146	2	2	1	20	.....	689.96	742.61	375.00	200.00	350.00	50.00	Good	Yes.
Grand River..	70	Bracebridge..	7	1	8	13	4	2.00	88	4	2	..	..	3	4	1	80	2	2	2	...	.....	125.75	700.00	225.00	125.75	150.00	75.00	Good	Yes.
Georgian.....	56	Owen Sound.	10	1	11	15	1	3.00	135	5	4	..	..	..	..	2	137	5	4	4	54	.....	1271.45	314 00	500.00	223.45	300.00	10.00	Fair	Yes.
*Signet.....	34	Barrie.....	8	1	9	12	2	2.00	240	2	2	..	..	25	21	7	180	2	2	2	118	.....	2591.79	2591.79	.....	287.50	.. ...	.....	Good	Yes.
Macpherson...	86	Meaford.....	7	1	8	12	2	2.00	67	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	62	1	1	1	10	.....	225.00	231.00	225.00	230.00	.....	10.00	Good	Yes.
Amabel.....	131	Wiarton.....	5	1	6	11	1	2.00	50	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	49	.	..	..	26	.....	300.00	106.60	.....	120.00	200.00	.....	Fair	Yes.
Kichikewana..	167	Midland.....	7	2	9	18	2	3.00	94	6	6	1	..	1	..	1	99	6	6	11	6	.....	360.00	60.00	300.00	33.00	300.00	.....	Good	Yes
Couchiching...	198	Orillia.....	10	6	16	20	2	3.00	56	13	13	2	..	2	4	1	64	13	13	13	4	.....	.....	125.00	500.00	12.00	400.00	45.00	Good	Yes.

*240 members last time was an error.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

DEAR SIR AND MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION:

In the discharge of my duties as your representative in Ontario District, No. 10, for the past year, I beg to report as follows:

I have visited ten of the twelve Chapters in the District officially, and have held one Chapter of Instruction. I had arranged on two occasions to visit the other Chapters, but in each case patriotic work interfered. However, I still hope to visit these Chapters, even if it be after my term of office has expired.

I wish to give in brief a general statement of the impressions that I have gathered from my official visits.

1st. The officers in nearly every case are very efficient and capable men, anxious to do their best, willing to improve, and unremitting in their endeavor to reach perfection.

2nd. The Past Principals are still (as they should be) keeping in touch with the work, rendering that "assistance, light and knowledge" which their experience and opportunities of learning have qualified them to render.

3rd. The Companions are enthusiastic, attentive, appreciative and patiently waiting for the time when they may be in charge of the work of their respective Chapters—having their opportunity of learning and proving their ability and worth to this grand institution. And judging from the material that is available for officers for the future, I am content in believing that Capitular Masonry will continue to live and prosper in this District even stronger and better than it has in the past.

4th. Our rites and ceremonies are taught and practised with a great degree of uniformity. But I would suggest that to incorporate a little more military drill in

the floor work, accompanied by appropriate hymns and music, might beautify and make more attractive the ceremony of conferring the different degrees.

5th. As your representative I have been everywhere received with the utmost cordiality and loyalty, and can assure you that the Grand First Principal and all officers of the Grand Chapter are held in the highest regard and esteem by the Companions of this District.

I trust I need not report that the Chapter of Instruction held in Colborne was a success. I wish, however, to take this opportunity of expressing my heartfelt thanks to the Grand Z. and to M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw. I realize and acknowledge the great favor and honor conferred upon the District by their presence and how they helped in no small way to make the meeting both instructive and pleasant.

To the Companions of St. John's Chapter, Cobourg, the Companions of Ionic Chapter, Campbellford, and the Companions of Excelsior Chapter, Colborne, who exemplified the various degrees, I wish to convey not only my own, but the sincere thanks and gratitude of the whole District for the masterly way the work of the day was done. It will stand to the credit of these Chapters in particular, and to the credit of the whole district, that we had an assembly of our own men who might reasonably be called professors in the art of conferring degrees.

In conclusion, I wish to say that my year of office has been a very pleasant and, from a Masonic standpoint, a very profitable experience. I thank the Companions for the honor that they conferred upon me.

And last, but not least, I wish to express my sense of obligation to Ex. Comp. James Thorne for the assistance he has given me as District Secretary.

Faithfully and fraternally yours.

G. N. Peebles,
Grand Supt. Ontario District, No. 10.

Colborne, Ont.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

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Pentalpha...	28	Oshawa.....	9	1	10	20	2	1.50	104	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	103	5	5	4	25	.....	1050.00	650.00	375.00	90.50	200.00	120.00	Good	Yes.
Keystone.....	35	Whitby.....	9	1	10	12	2	2.00	70	4	3	1	..	2	..	..	72	3	3	2	20	.....	400.00	200 00	200.00	50.00	200.00	10.00	Good	Yes.
Corinthian....	36	Peterborough	9	2	11	25	1	3.00	142	8	7	.	1	1	.	..	149	7	7	8	15	.....	850.00	350.00	500.00	65.00	Fully	25.00	Good	Yes.
Victoria.....	37	Port Hope..	12	..	12	17	2	2.00	131	6	4	..	..	3	7	2	123	4	4	4	29	.....	677.00	404.00	550.00	81.00	500.00	5.00	Good	Yes.
Excelsior.....	45	Colborne.....	9	1	10	15	1	2.00	75	4	3	..	..	1	..	2	75	3	3	3	20	.....	400.00	400.00	400.00	75.00	300.00	10.00	Good	Yes.
St. John's.....	48	Cobourg.....	10	..	10	15	1	1.50	75	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	77	2	2	2	14	.....	200.00	75.00	.....	75.00	200.00	10.00	Good	Yes.
Midland.....	94	Lindsay.....	5	..	5	9	2	2.00	113	1	1	..	..	..		..	114	1	1	.	36	50.00	.....	203.00	256.00	189 00	200.00	... ...	Good	Yes.
Warkworth ..	110	Warkworth..	3	..	3	15	2	1.00	46	1	1	..	..		..	1	46	1	1	1	30	.....	500.00	200.00	300.00	65.00	250.00	5.00	Fair	Yes.
King Darius...	134	Cannington..	5	..	5	9	2	2.00	55	..	..	..	..	..	..		55	.	..	..	12	.....	275.00	30.00	.....	85.00	275.00	5.00	Fair	Yes.
St. Andrew's..	139	Havelock....	10	..	10	15	4	2.00	60	5	5	..	..	..	5	1	59	5	5	5	12	. ....	100.00	.....	400.00	40 00	200.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Presqu' Isle ..	144	Brighton.....	6	1	7	13	2	1.50	41	2	1	2	..	2	..	1	41	1	1	1	8	50.00	100.00	.....	350.00	15.00	250.00	.....	Fair	Yes.
Ionic	168	Campbellford	10	1	11	12	3	2.00	66	7	7	..	..	..	..	1	72	7	7	4	2	.....	810.00	710.00	100.00	34.00	100 00	35.00	Good	Yes.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District, No. 11. R. Ex. Comp. Dr. H. H. Alger having volunteered for overseas service as surgeon to the 80th Battalion, C.E.F., was unable to complete his year of office as Grand Superintendent of this District; therefore, at his request, and with the consent of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., I undertook the duties of the office at the end of October.

At this late date it was impossible to arrange for a Chapter of Instruction or, indeed, to visit all the Chapters before the end of the year, but R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer came to my assistance and paid official visits to St. Mark's, Mt. Sinai and Prince Edward Chapters.

Owing probably to the war, Capitular Masonry in this District has not received as much support, during the past year, as was expected, but the enthusiasm of the Companions more than compensates for the lack of new material. There is a decided improvement in the attendance of the officers and also in the matter of opening promptly at the hour stated in the summons, but some of the Chapters are still far too lenient in regard to arrears of dues.

In last year's report I advocated a redistribution by which three Chapters would be transferred from Ontario to Prince Edward District. This, I am sorry to report, could not be effected, but I trust some satisfactory arrangement can be made in the near future.

MADOC CHAPTER, NO. 161, MADOC.—I visited this Chapter on November 23rd and received a most cordial reception. Madoc has had a hard uphill fight to keep the Chapter in existence, but the prospects are bright-

er than for some years, and I trust the enthusiasm of the few who have stood shoulder to shoulder for so long is about to bear fruit in a new era of prosperity. Two candidates failed to put in an appearance, so no work was conferred, but general business and the election of officers took up a good part of the work of the evening. The books are well kept, but the Chapter is carrying entirely too many members in arrears of dues, and I trust there will be a thorough house-cleaning in this Chapter next year.

THE MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7, BELLEVILLE.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on December 7th. After the election of officers Ex. Comp. McKeown, P.Z., conferred the Most Excellent Master degree in a very satisfactory manner. I found the books well kept, but the Mark Book is still missing. The finances of this Chapter are not in good condition, due to the deplorable fact that with a membership of 182 there are 107 twelve months or more in arrears. I referred to this fact in last year's report, and further comment is unnecessary. I trust that the new officers will take the required steps to remedy this state of affairs, and also endeavor to increase the average attendance, which at present is less than 10 per cent. of the membership.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 72, STIRLING.—I visited my mother Chapter on December 16th. After the election of officers the Royal Arch degree was very impressively conferred by Ex. Comp. McKee and his officers. The books are well kept, the finances in a particularly strong condition and the prospects very bright.

Following is R. Ex. Comp. Spencer's report on the Chapters to which he paid official visits:

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, No. 31, PICTON.—I inspected this Chapter on November 22nd and received an enthusiastic welcome from the Companions. Being their night for election of officers, there was a good number of Companions present. As usual, Comp. Graydon,

Scribe E., has his work in good condition and dues well collected. After the election the Most Excellent Master degree was well conferred. The Fourth degree was partaken of and enjoyed by all present.

St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton.—I visited this, my mother Chapter, on December 21st, and installed the officers for the ensuing year. There were no candidates on which to confer any work, but from present indications we expect to have plenty of material for the coming year. R. Ex. Comp. Siddall is untiring in his efforts as Scribe E., as shown by the amount of dues outstanding, which are practically nil.

Mt. Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee.—I visited this Chapter on December 22nd and received a cordial welcome from the Companions of my old home town. There was no work to be done. I installed the officers for the coming year and afterwards was entertained to a dainty repast. R. Ex. Comp. Rev. W. T. Wilkins and Ex. Comp. J. B. Little, of St. Mark's Chapter, accompanied me and assisted in the ceremony of installation. The books are well kept by R. Ex. Comp. Walters.

James McC. Potts,
Acting Grand Supt. Prince Edward District, No. 11.

Stirling, Ont.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?
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The Moira.....	7	Belleville....	9	..	9	18	1	2.00	191	2	3	..	..	1	7	4	182	3	1	..	107	.....	Tru'tees	50.00	Tru'tees	306.00	1000.00	25.00	Good	Yes.
St. Mark's.....	26	Trenton.....	11	..	11	16	2	2.50 2.00	87	3	3	1	..	1	1	3	86	3	3	3	1	31.19	1024.00	499.40	388.22	138.60	300.00	15.00	Good	Yes.
Prince Edward.	31	Picton.....	13	..	13	20	1	1.50	158	5	5	..	..	1	2	2	158	5	4	4	8	. ....	300.00	275.00	.....	150.00	275.00	35.00	Good	Yes.
Mount Sinai....	44	Napanee.....	8	..	8	12	1	2.00	89	1	1	..	.	2	5	2	81	1	..	..	20	20.00	545.00	30.00	400.00	115.00	400.00	20.00	Good	Yes.
Keystone.....	72	Stirling.....	10	..	10	13	..	3.00 2.00	61	2	2	..	4	..	..	..	67	2	2	3	8	.....	669.00	272.00	300.00	97.00	200.00	30.00	Good	Yes.
Madoc.....	161	Madoc	9	..	9	11	.	2.50	68	3	3	..	..	2	..	2	67	3	1	..	51	.....	600.00	162.00	400.00	256.00	400.00	10.00	Bright	Yes.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

I beg to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District for the year 1915.

First I wish to thank my Companions for the high honor they conferred upon me in electing me to this important office. Fully realizing the responsibilities and duties incumbent upon me, I have endeavored to faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duty.

My first act was to direct a circular letter to the several Chapters within the District, entreating the officers and members to be firm and true to the principles of Capitular Masonry; as well as taking up the matter of holding a Chapter of Instruction, soliciting the name and number of each in favor, or of taking a part in the symbolical and symmetrical teachings of our time-honored order.

During my official visits throughout the District I endeavored to impress upon the officers and Companions the following salient points, viz., a strict adherence to the following sections of the Constitution: Re prompt returns being made to the Grand Scribe E., whereby his onerous duties would be very materially lightened, if the several First Principals and Scribes E. in each District would act in accordance with the following sections in the Constitution of Grand Chapter, viz.: Sec. 78, re examination of First Principal by a board of installed Principals and election to office; Sec. 86, re duties of First Principals and Scribes E. in making annual report of dues, fees, etc., etc.; Sec. 90, re duties of Scribes E. to Grand Chapter in prompt payment of all moneys in one month; Sec. 97, re duties of Scribes E. to Grand Chapter in reporting degrees of Mark Master Mason, Most Ex-

cellent Master and Royal Arch in one month; Sec. 107, members in arrears of dues, to suspend if over time limit of "one year"; Sec. 125, duties of Scribes E. in providing a Book of Marks for Royal Arch Companions. *Questions.*—Has each R. A. Chapter been consecrated? Does each R. A. Chapter carry insurance on paraphernalia, regalia and lodge property?

Taking each of the eight Royal Arch Chapters in St. Lawrence District, No. 12, as visited in detail, would say that I began with

Grenville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 22, Prescott, Ont.—I visited this Chapter on October 12th, 1915, and at the specified hour of meeting its reputation was just maintained by obtaining a quorum, when I received a cordial welcome from these stalwart Companions. Having no candidates, or degrees to confer, the business of the evening was transacted in its usual manner. The general correspondence was read, a few accounts were received and ordered to be paid, while after discussing "re a Chapter of Instruction being held in Prescott," which failed, the Chapter closed in harmony. This Chapter, I am informed, has been passing through a season of depression during the past two or three years, but in spite of the untiring efforts of the officers, that spirit of companionship and stability, due to Capitular Masonry, seems impossible to cement. I suggested that all Companions over two years in arrears for dues be suspended; that younger Companions, imbued with new life and enthusiasm, be fitted for offices, whereby more interest may be instilled in the Companions; for Masonry (to each of us) is only what we ourselves make it. The eye of the world is upon us; but by living the lives of Masons toward each other and our God, good results will certainly follow. I have a suspicion that a benefit might be obtained if Grenville Royal Arch Chapter was removed to Cardinal, where there seems to be quite a number of enthusiastic Companions; but just as long as they carry a long list of Companions who are years in arrears for dues the life is crushed out of any Chapter, and interest

in Capitular Masonry will eventually droop and die. Trusting that some means may be devised in order to elevate them from a degenerate condition.

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, Ont.—By a special dispensation I visited this Chapter on the afternoon and evening of October 22nd, 1915, when I received a most cordial and fraternal greeting from M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, Ex. Comp. W. M. Campbell, officers and Companions of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Royal Arch Chapter. The Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees were conferred on several candidates at 4 and 7.30 o'clock p.m. respectively, by the regular officers, and Ex. Comp. Campbell, whom I anticipate becoming a stalwart in Capitular Masonry, for I glory in seeing an officer exemplify his work in an earnest, emphatic manner, even should discrepancy occur, whereby a lasting impression is made upon the candidate, never to be forgotten. In the evening the Holy Royal Arch was faultlessly conferred by a most unique coincident with M. Ex. Comp. Hendry as First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch as Second Principal, Ex. Comp. Jackson as Third Principal, and M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw impressively and eloquently filled the office of Principal Sojourner. I must congratulate the Companions of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, in having such heroes in Masonry, who are so willing to come to the rescue in any emergency; while I trust that M. Ex. Comp. Hendry, who is a tower of strength mentally, if not physically, in himself, may be spared to reach many milestones beyond his fourscore years. I congratulate this ancient Royal Arch Chapter in having such spacious and elegantly furnished quarters, as well as a goodly number of intelligent, sincere young Companions who are enrolling themselves under its banner, whereby the precepts of Capitular Masonry may be brightened and strengthened in the upbuilding of their fellow-man. Thanking the officers and Companions of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, on behalf of M. Ex. Comp. Shaw and Ex. Comp. Campbell,

who treated and accompanied me in a delightful auto ride, visiting the many attractive and substantial educational departments of "dear old Queen's University," as well as many civic institutions in the city, and I assure them that many fond and vivid recollections recurred to my mind of my happy college life, during the late seventies, and the many changes and improvements which have taken place in the Limestone City.

St. John's Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 112, Morrisburg, Ont.—After brief notice I almost unexpectedly visited this Chapter on Tuesday evening, October 26th, 1915. Hoping that the Companions will forgive should they deem me discourteous, but I think it a better way if District Superintendents would adopt this plan, for they then see the actual work and interest taken therein by the regular officers, and by so doing are enabled to give a true and correct report. With a fairly good attendance the Ex. Z. and officers opened in the Royal Arch degree, when I was cordially and fraternally received by the Companions. The usual order of business was transacted, and after a short discussion the officers and Companions decided that they would, as requested, exemplify the Mark Master Mason degree at a District Chapter of Instruction to be held at Brockville, Ont., on the afternoon and evening of November 24th, 1915. This Chapter has well furnished, bright, clean apartments, with a fairly good attendance, dues are paid up, and under the very able and impressive leadership of Ex. Comp. A. H. Casselman I should say its prospects are most favorable. The Chapter closed in harmony, and bidding the Companions farewell, I left on my return auto trip of 40 miles.

Covenant Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 113, Cornwall, Ont.—I visited this Chapter on November 17th, 1915, and was enthusiastically received and royally entertained by the Companions. After the business of the convocation was dispensed with, the Royal Arch degree was conferred on a candidate in an almost faultless manner by R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Hamilton, and

ably supported by the Second and Third Principals; and I am satisfied that the First Principal is capable of doing the work of his chair with credit to himself and honor to the Companions. The work of the Principal Sojourner, Masters of Veils and Scribes was well rendered. The books are well kept, dues paid up; peace and harmony prevail, with prospects of a bright future in store for this Chapter.

Sussex Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 59, Brockville, Ont.—My official visit to this Chapter was made on the evening of November 19th, 1915, when I was loyally received and hospitably entertained by stalwarts of the Royal Craft. The Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch degree by Ex. Comp. Parker, and the business of the convocation was conducted in an elegant manner. A candidate was present for exaltation, but it was deemed prudent to delay this until the District meeting on November 24th, 1915. This Chapter has spacious, well-furnished rooms; dues are well collected, the books are correctly kept, and they do their work as near as possible in compliance with the various sections of the Constitution, and will compare as second to none in St. Lawrence District, Royal Arch Masons, No. 12, and with no other degrees to be conferred the Chapter closed in harmony at 10.30 p.m.

Chapter of Instruction.—The annual Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction for St. Lawrence District, No. 12, was held under the auspices of Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville, Ont., on November 24th, 1915, at which we were honored by the presence of M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Grand Z. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada; M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, Past Grand Z.; R. Ex. Comp. J. Greene, R. Ex. Comp. W. C. Davey, and others, whose presence and addresses on Capitular Masonry aided materially in making this the best Chapter of Instruction ever held in St. Lawrence District in regard to numbers and enthusiasm. The weather conditions were ideal, and the roads good on the occasion for a larger representation. The several Royal Arch Chapters,

as requested, exemplified the work in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, leaving little room for criticism, and, I hope, left a marked impression on the Companions present; while, after a banquet in the evening, very instructive and interesting addresses were delivered by the M. Ex. Grand Z., local Grand officers, and Companions. I wish to thank Ex. Principals Parker, Grothier and Companions of Sussex and St. Lawrence Royal Arch Chapters, Nos. 59 and 100 respectively, for the grand success of this Chapter of Instruction, as much credit is due them for their kind, hospitable and enthusiastic reception tendered to the visiting Companions, for which each and all feel deeply indebted.

Maitland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 68, North Augusta, Ont.—My official visit was made to this Chapter on the evening of November 26th, 1915, and, although my own Chapter, I was disappointed somewhat in not meeting with a larger representation of Companions. Ex. Comp. J. B. Love opened in the Royal Arch degree, when I was officially and enthusiastically received by the Companions, but, having no degrees to confer, the usual business of the convocation was transacted, after which questions were asked and freely discussed, explained and answered, to the edification and profit of the Companions. It afforded me much pleasure and delight to be honored with the presence of R. Ex. Comp. Nichol, Past Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District, No. 13, R. A. Masons, to whom a warm and fraternal greeting is always extended by the Companions of Maitland R. A. Chapter, No. 68. The books of this Chapter are fairly well kept; the arrears of dues are small, with no debt on the property, but carrying a fair insurance; while to me the outlook of this Chapter in the future is not bright unless the Companions in the minor offices take more ardent interest in the work and apply themselves in preparing for the higher offices.

Leeds Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 132, Gananoque, Ont.—On December 1st, 1915, I made my official visit to this Chapter, when Ex. Comp.

J. J. Davis, M.D., opened in the Royal Arch degree, and I was most cordially and enthusiastically received by the Companions. With no degrees to be conferred, the customary order of business was transacted, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year was earnestly carried out to the satisfaction of the Companions. Ex. Comp. Davis is very ably supported by Ex. Comps. Bennett, Graham, Gardiner, Clow and Mills; while R. Ex. Comp. A. B. Munro fills the office of Scribe E. The apartments of this Chapter are commodious and fairly well furnished, the books are well kept, dues fairly well collected, and a good average attendance, while the Companions appear to be enthusiastic in their work and will compare favorably with others in this District.

St. Lawrence Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 100, Brockville, Ont.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of December 2nd, 1915, and after Ex. Comp. G. G. Grothier, who is supported by a good staff of officers, had opened in the Royal Arch degree, I was fraternally and very cordially received by the Companions. Having no candidates for degrees, the usual order of business for the evening was transacted, followed by the election of officers for the ensuing year, which was conducted to a favorable issue by the Companions. The dues are well collected, books well kept, while the work and additions to their membership are as good as many Chapters in this District.

Instructions.—In the course of my duties I have striven to visit and instruct as far as in my power every subordinate Royal Arch Chapter in St. Lawrence District, No. 12, in the various points given to us during our attendance at Grand Royal Arch Chapter convocation held at London, Ont., February 24th, 1915.

I am pleased to report that all the First Principals in this District can work all the degrees; that the subordinate Chapters show a steady, but small, increase in membership, and, with the exception of one, are in a good flourishing condition financially; while I would

suggest that each candidate be compelled to memorize the lecture in the Royal Arch degree ere receiving his certificate.

Thanking the Companions who have made my year of office as Grand Superintendent one that I shall ever look back to with pleasant recollections, and to all R. Ex. Companions and Ex. Companions for their able assistance and kind advice, so cheerfully tendered to me at all times.

All of which is fraternally and respectfully submitted.

WM. H. WADDELL,
Grand Supt. St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

North Augusta, Ont.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12

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Ant. Frontenac and Cataraqui.	1	Kingston....	9	2	11	35	..	3.00	136	12	11	3	..	..	1	1	147	11	11	11	38	None	.....	744.47	500.00	.....	400.00	100.00	Good	Yes.
Grenville.....	22	Prescott.....	4	..	4	12	..	2.00	61	..	.	1	.	2	9	.	50	..	..	.	14	.....	.....	47.00	250.00	32.00	200.00	.....	Poor	Yes.
Sussex.....	59	Brockville....	8	2	10	15	6	2.00	140	8	8	..	..	3	7	1	137	7	7	6	36	None	775.93	246.93	208.00	320.60	200.00	5.00	Ex'l-ent	Yes
Maitland.....	68	N. Augusta..	3	1	4	10	1	1.00	31	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	31	..	.	..	12	None	250.00	40.00	100.00	20.00	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes.
St Lawrence...	100	Brockville....	9	.	9	14	5	2.00	92	4	4	..	..	1	1	1	93	4	4	4	8	11.55	528.00	700.00	150.00	106.00	400.00	10.00	Good	Yes.
St. John's.....	112	Morrisburg...	7	.	7	10	1	2.50	77	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	75	.	..	.	15	91.25	49.50	502.90	150.00	47.50	317.00	25.00	Fair	Yes.
Covenant.....	113	Cornwall.....	9	..	9	17	3	2.00 1.50	106	5	5	..	..	..	1	.	110	5	4	4	4	.....	909.95	609.95	300.00	8.00	225.00	50.00	Good	Yes.
Leeds.....	132	Gananoque...	10	..	10	14	1	2.00	105	1	1	..	.	..	..	..	104	1	1	..	25	110 00	775.00	175.00	400.00	111.50	400.00	.....	Fair	Yes

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I herewith submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Ottawa District, No. 13, for the year 1915.

I wish to congratulate the Chapters in this District on the general efficiency of the officers in the various Chapters, and also to thank the officers and Companions of the Chapters for the hearty reception tendered me on the occasions of my visits as the humble representative of the M. Ex. the Grand Z.

I held two Chapters of Instruction in the District: one in the St. Francis Chapter room, No. 133, Smith's Falls, on October 15th, and the other in Carleton Chapter room, No. 16, on December 8th, which afforded all the Chapters in the District an opportunity of exemplifying some part of the work. They proved to be a decided success. The Grand Z. was present at both meetings, and I wish to thank the officers and Companions of the foregoing Chapters for their co-operation in carrying out the work of the Chapters of Instruction, and also those who in any way assisted in the work.

Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke.—I visited this Chapter April 15th, having previously arranged for my visit. After meeting with the Companions, I learned that they had some work for the evening, but as the proposed candidates did not appear I was unable to witness their work, but the officers were able to perform the opening and closing exercises in a satisfactory manner. During my visit I got the consent of the officers to take up the working of one of the degrees for the proposed Chapter of Instruction at Smith's Falls, October 15th, when they exemplified the Mark degree in a manner creditable to the officers, and it had, as I had thought it would, the effect of placing the Chapter in a better

standing in the District than it had hitherto been. This Chapter has good officers, good quarters, good paraphernalia, and should rank with the best Chapters in the District. I think its future is assured.

Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte.—I visited this Chapter May 13th. The Mark degree was to be conferred at this meeting, but as the candidate was out of town and unable to be present, the ambitious First Principal suggested that they supply a substitute, which was done, and the conferring of the degree was carried out in a manner reflecting great credit upon the officers. At this meeting, notice of motion having been previously given, the Companions voted on life membership for two of their oldest members, in the persons of R. Ex. Comp. Robt. Pollock and Ex. Comp. A. J. McAdams, which resulted in the unanimous vote of the Chapter in favor of the two Companions. This is one of the Chapters that had previously taken no active part in Chapters of Instruction. The officers consented to confer the Most Excellent Master degree at Smith's Falls October 15th, and it was done in a manner that brought forth the praise of the officers of Grand Chapter present. This Chapter has a good set of officers, good paraphernalia, excellent rooms, and if they were so situated as to be able to procure the material would make a good showing. The records of the Chapter are well kept.

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on June 18th. There were several candidates waiting for the Mark degree, but as they were not present the First Principal, Ex. Comp. R. W. H. Currie, secured a substitute and performed the work in an excellent manner. As this is the best Chapter in the District, they had a large attendance. In suggesting to them my intention to hold a Chapter of Instruction in St. Francis Chapter room, No. 133, Smith's Falls. October 15th, the officers heartily consented to confer the Royal Arch degree, which they did in an excellent manner on the date mentioned. When I proposed also to the officers my idea of holding a Chapter of Instruction

in conjunction with their Chapter in December my request was heartily agreed to, and it proved to be one of the best meetings of its kind that I had ever attended. A banquet was provided in the evening, which was a great credit to the officers and Companions. Among the distinguished Companions present were M. Ex. Comp. the Grand Z., R. Ex. Comp. S. A. Luke, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and a number of other R. Ex. Companions. This Chapter has an excellent Scribe E.

Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew.—On the occasion of my official visit to this Chapter, on June 21st, all the degrees were conferred by the officers. One special feature of interest to me was the conferring of the Most Excellent Master degree by R. Ex. Comp. David Barr, who had just passed his seventy-fifth birthday. The degree work was well done. This Chapter has a splendid set of officers, and a strong fraternal spirit exists among the Companions. The officers of this Chapter also exemplified the Royal Arch degree at a Chapter of Instruction held in Carleton Chapter room, No. 16, Ottawa, December 8th, which helped to make the meeting a decided success. This is one of the strongest Chapters in the Ottawa District. The books and records are kept by a competent Scribe E.

St. John's Chapter, No. 148, Vankleek Hill.—My visit to this Chapter was rather hurried, it being at the last meeting before "calling off" on June 4th for the summer holidays, and it was occasioned by a misunderstanding with the Scribe E. There was no work for this meeting, so I am unable to report on the officers' work of the Chapter, but it seems to have good officers, splendid quarters, and a good spirit seems to exist among the Companions. Ex. Comp. H. C. Jones is a capable Scribe E.

Glengarry Chapter, No. 143, Maxville.—I had planned to visit this Chapter early in the year, owing to my predecessor's report for the year 1914 as to its weakness. I at once got into communication with the First

Principal, Ex. Comp. G. H. McDougall, but was unable to make any satisfactory arrangements for an early visit. I made my official visit on October 29th. There was a fairly good attendance. They not having any degree work, I was unable to witness the officers confer any of the degrees; they did, however, close the Chapter fairly well. At this meeting I urged upon them to take up some of the degree work at a Chapter of Instruction to be held at Ottawa, but was unable to induce them to do so. I am, therefore, unable to show any improvement in the working of the Chapter since the report of my predecessor, R. Ex. Comp. Munro.

Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place.—I had arranged to make my official visit to this Chapter on November 1st, but as a number of the officers were away on a hunting expedition I had to cancel the visit. I then arranged for a visit for their December meeting, which was held on the 6th, and this being the night of the election of officers I did not see any of the degree work done. This is one of the unfortunate Chapters having small bounds in which to select their material, and consequently this causes a slow development. They have a good set of officers, good paraphernalia and excellent quarters. Three Past Principals were elected to office the night I was present, and it was gratifying to notice the interest taken in the work by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. McIntosh and other Ex. Companions.

St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smith's Falls.—This is my home Chapter, and as I am present at all convocations I was able to keep in close touch with the work throughout the year. The Chapter ranks with the best Chapters in the District, having excellent officers, good paraphernalia, and, although the Chapter room is a little crowded, the work is kept up to a high standard. The books are in an excellent condition, Comp. G. W. Fluker being the Scribe E. In connection with the Chapters of Instruction I had the hearty co-operation of every officer and Companion of this Chapter. This Chapter worked the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent

Master degrees at the Chapter of Instruction held in Ottawa, December 8th, which was very much appreciated.

Now that the year's work is done in my official capacity, let me assure you I have endeavored to perform the duties pertaining to the office to the best of my ability. If I have done the duties in a manner worthy of receiving the approval of the Grand Z. I feel amply repaid for the time spent in the discharge of the duties of the office.

Faithfully and fraternally submitted.

A. L. Conners,
Grand Supt. Ottawa District, No. 13.

Smith's Falls, Ont.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13

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Granite.....	61	Almonte.....	10	..	10	10.6	1.6	1.50	58	5	4	1	..	1	3	..	59	4	4	4	9	None	450.00	125.00	325.00	35.00	250.00	15.00	Good	Yes.
St. Francis...	133	Smith's Falls	12	1	13	15	5	3.00	2	4	1	2	..	4	5	..	66	1	..	..	23	None	500.00	250.00	250.00	87.00	200.00	15.00	Good	Yes.
St. John's....	148	Vankleek Hill	6	..	6	14	2	3.00	38	..	..	..	..	.	1	..	37	..	..	..	4	None	800.00	335.97	400.00	21.00	600.00	15.00	Fair	Yes.
Maple.....	116	Carleton Pla.	8	..	8	12	...	2.00	75	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	75	1	..	.	12	None	470.00	96.00	300.00	74.00	250.00	10.00	Good	Yes.
Bonechere....	114	Renfrew	10	2	12	15.8	8.3	2.60	86	2	2	..	..	1	..	2	85	2	2	2	14	None	1000.00	600.00	400.00	48.75	700.00	65.00	Fair	Yes.
Carleton.....	16	Ottawa.	10	4	14	36	4	5.00	224	20	18	4	1	9	..	2	236	18	20	20	35	None	2950.00	2600.00	350.00	288.00	500.00	110.00	Good	Yes.
Laurentian ...	151	Pembroke....	9	1	10	10	2	3.00	49	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	49	1	1	1	..	None	391.74	141.74	250.00	.....	.....	10.00	Good	Yes.
Glengarry.....	143	Maxville.....	8	..	8	12	...	2.00	47	1	2	..	..	2	1	1	45	2	3	3	20	None	.....	.....	.....	260.00	200.00	.....	Not bright	Yes.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District, No. 14, for the year 1915.

Having been appointed by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. to fill the vacancy in the office of Grand Superintendent caused by the resignation of R. Ex. Comp. N. Schnarr, he having resigned by reason of his military duties, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Grand Z. for the honor in being appointed to this office, and to thank the officers and Companions of the Chapters for the manner in which I was received when visiting the Chapters in the District, and the Scribes E. have all been very prompt in replying to any matters relating to their Chapters, with one exception, which not only caused delays, but oftentimes injury to the Chapter of which he is a member.

The District shows a small increase in membership, which, considering the business conditions in the West and the war, which has been the means of taking away many of the members of the Craft, is very good. The District has done well to show a small increase in members.

ALBERTON CHAPTER, NO. 152, FORT FRANCES.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of August 18th, 1915, at an emergency meeting. There were no candidates for degrees. The Chapter was opened by Ex. Comp. W. A. Baker, the Scribe E. being absent on military duties. The attendance of members was small, but this Chapter has a small membership, and therefore requires the active interest of the members to make the meetings interesting and to increase the membership by that means. The

delays caused by the Scribe E. in answering any correspondence does not tend to help the affairs of the Chapter in which he holds office. The Scribe E. elect for the coming year, however, is very prompt in attending to his duties.

Atwood Chapter, No. 149, Rainy River.—I visited this Chapter on Thursday evening, August 19th, at a regular meeting, and spent a pleasant time with the members. The Chapter was opened by Ex. Comp. D. McBane. The attendance was small. This Chapter was fortunate in having a good Scribe E. in Ex. Comp. J. Lofthouse, who has since removed to Kenora, and the acting Scribe E. is following the example set by Comp. Lofthouse. This Chapter has had a severe test put to it by the business conditions in the West and the war, but the members have confidence in their Chapter, and this and a regular attendance at their meetings will enable them to overcome this obstacle to a great extent.

Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, and Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William.—I visited these Chapters at a joint meeting by request on August 27th, 1915. The meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Fort William. There was a good attendance of Companions present, and a very pleasant evening was spent. In the absence of the Ex. Z. the Chapter was opened by R. Ex. Comp. G. A. Grant, and the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates in an excellent manner, after which Ex. Comp. T. J. C. Rodden, of Shuniah Chapter, conferred the Most Excellent Master degree on three candidates in a very creditable manner. Both of these Chapters have Scribes E. who carry on the work of the Chapters in a splendid manner, and both have a good membership and are progressing well considering the conditions during the past two years.

Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora.—I visited this, my home Chapter, on December 17th, at the regular meeting. There was a good attendance of members present, it being the election of officers. There was considerable time spent in the election, as several of the

offices were well contested, which is a good sign, as it shows the interest of the members regarding the selection of officers to direct the affairs of the Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was then conferred by Ex. Comp. H. S. Galloway, and was done in excellent style, he having filled the office of First Principal during the year with credit to himself and the Chapter. The Scribe E., Comp. H. O. Holden, was re-elected, he having filled the office well during the past year. The Chapter made a change in the office of Treasurer by electing R. Ex. Comp. T. W. Chapple in place of Comp. R. J. N. Pither, this Companion having been Treasurer for several years and performed the duties in an efficient manner. As this worthy and respected Companion is now over ninety years of age, it was the feeling of the Companions present that he had done his duty and should be relieved from office. A resolution was passed appointing a committee to draft a suitable letter and to forward the same to Companion Pither, explaining the reason for the change and to express the feelings of the members present, as well as thanking him for his past services to the Chapter, of which he has been made an honorary member.

This Chapter is in good shape. There are several applications in sight for the coming year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. Brenchley,
Grand Supt. Algoma District, No. 14.

Kenora, Ont.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14

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Shuniah.....	82	Port Arthur..	11	2	13	16	1	1.25	169	3	3	1	0	0	3	5	165	3	5	4	19	260.00	1416.43	824.63	476.80	115.00	450.00	20.00	Fair	Yes.
Golden.....	90	Kenora.....	12	..	12	21	..	3.00	112	6	6	..	1	3	3	..	113	6	6	6	30	.....	375.00	1050.00	450.00	250.00	400.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Ft. William...	140	Fort William	10	2	12	27	2	2.00	164	16	16	..	..	1	3	1	175	16	16	16	71	.....	400.00	470.00	.....	218.00	300.00	122.00	Good	Yes.
Atwood.....	149	Rainy River..	6	..	6	12	1	3.00	73	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	70	..	..	.	12	.....	588.00	172.00	350.00	66.00	400.00	25.00	Fair	Yes.
Alberton.....	152	Fort Frances.	5	6	11	13	27	5.00	32	6	7	..	..	..	..	..	39	7	7	7	16	177.75	656.00	142.00	225.00	289.00	.....	.....	Fair	Yes.

MANITOBA EAST DISTRICT, NO. 15.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

M. Ex. Sir and Companions:—

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Manitoba East District, No. 15.

In visiting the Chapters in this District I am conscious that the assistance that I have been able to render to the individual Chapters has not been as great as it might have been had these visits been made in the early months of the year. I would recommend to my successor that the visits to Neepawa, Portage la Prairie and Dauphin should not be made in the fall, when the great press of harvesting operations is so absorbing.

Royal Arch Masonry has not been witnessing any great numerical increase in the District for the last two years, but this has been due to the great financial depression under which we were laboring. Now that this period has passed I look for good progress. A good many Companions have enlisted for service abroad and some have taken their places in the trenches. It is to be expected that the interests of these Companions will be properly protected by those at home for whom they have engaged in the struggle.

I would like to draw the attention, through this report, of the Scribes E. of some of the Chapters in certifying that the Ex. Z. can work all the degrees when such is not the case. It is not right that it should be done.

A Chapter of Instruction will be held in Winnipeg during "bonspiel" week. As this is the time when special rates are given on the different railways and when thousands visit Winnipeg, it is expected there will be a record attendance. Degree work will be carried out

during the afternoon, while at the evening session addresses and papers will be presented by several Companions.

It seems impossible to get the officers of the different Chapters to realize the importance of opening on time. There is nothing, in my opinion, so strongly to be condemned. If the hour for opening is 8 o'clock, why should a few of the officers throw everything into confusion or retard the opening till 8.30 or later.

Rabboni Chapter, No. 171, Dauphin.—The official visit of the Grand Superintendent was made to Rabboni Chapter at the regular meeting in October. Unfortunately this date fell just when all those interested in agriculture were busy with a bountiful harvest and every ounce of energy was being expended in efforts to get as much grain threshed as possible while the weather was favorable. As a result there was not as large an attendance as would otherwise have been the case.

During the afternoon the business of the Chapter was transacted at a Special Convocation. There was no degree conferred. During the year no degrees were conferred. The lack of work has been due this year to the same causes as in the other Chapters which rely on the rural districts for the large proportion of their membership, viz., financial stringency. Rabboni Chapter, unfortunately, has a disagreeable duty to perform in investigating a charge made against a Companion for un-Masonic conduct. A former First Principal of the Chapter, who was convicted of a crime by the magistrate, asked for a board to pronounce upon his innocence or guilt. I ruled that this was impossible. A Companion thereupon gave notice that he would at the next regular convocation lay a charge against the Ex. Companion. Notice of this was not placed on the summons, but at the next regular convocation I believe the charge was laid, and the First Principal appointed a committee of seven (!!!) to investigate the charge. However, nothing was done, as I pointed out that it had been neglected to place it upon the summons. The next

summons gave notice that a charge would be laid by one Companion against another. I ruled that this would not be sufficient, that it would be necessary for the notice to give the name of the Companion making the charge and also the name of the Companion against whom the charge was to be made. The matter has got no further. I tried to convince the Chapter that it was advisable to leave the investigation of un-Masonic conduct to the "Blue." I have the satisfaction of knowing that it is also the opinion of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, to whom I referred the matter, that the "Blue" was the proper body to investigate this.

During the evening an open meeting was held in the Chapter rooms, at which a number of ladies were present. A delightful musical programme was given and the Grand Superintendent gave an illustrated address on the "Children of Israel up to the Building of the Second Temple." After a short time at cards the company repaired to the banquet room, where a magnificent repast was provided. I was so impressed with the manner in which the Companions carried out all their efforts that I am free to say that Rabboni Chapter has the material and ability for one of the finest Chapters in the Province.

Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, Winnipeg.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on Thursday, November 4th, along with Comp. A. H. MacLeod, P. S. of Connaught Chapter. At my request the work of the Most Excellent Master degree was conferred. Ex. Comp. Brown and his officers presented this degree in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Not only was the ritualistic portion accurately performed, but the floor work passed along smoothly without any confusion or the uncertainty that so often detracts from the beauty of this degree. I consider that Prince Rupert Chapter has a competent and clever set of officers, who well deserve promotion. The Scribe E. is most efficient and has taken pains to keep me well informed throughout the year as to the work being done by the Chapter. There is every reason for optimism concerning the prospects of Prince Rup-

ert Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. Hooper and V. Ex. Comp. Handcock were present, as well as Past Grand Superintendents R. Ex. Comps. Ducker and Jackson. At this banquet, in response to the toast of the Grand Chapter, I took the opportunity of giving an address on the British Empire. This Chapter was again visited by me at the time of the regular convocation in January, when I took part in the installation of the officers for the year 1916. At this convocation Past Grand Superintendents Bentley, Suttie and Hooper were also present, the latter taking charge of the ceremony of installation, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Bentley.

King Edward Chapter, No. 136, Neepawa.—I visited this Chapter officially at the regular convocation in December. Owing to the short notice I gave the Scribe E., it was not possible to inform the Companions that the representative of Grand Chapter would be present at this convocation. Nevertheless there was a good attendance and a very instructive evening was the result. In many ways it is to be regretted that so expert a Companion as Ex. Comp. Wemyss is ever available to take the place of the First Principal in conferring the degrees. As a result this work is not carried out by the regular officers. It would be far better, in my opinion, to elect some of the younger Companions to the principal offices rather than Companions of long standing who do not get up the work. It soon kills the enthusiasm to have Past Principals filling the chairs when the work of the degrees is being put on. The lack of interest, which the officers tell me seems to be prevalent among the Companions, would pass away if young Companions from the town and country were pressed to prepare the work and then elected as Principals if they show efficiency and ability.

Comp. J. W. Bradley, Scribe E., has obeyed the call of duty and has enlisted. The most important duty the new Scribe E. has is to reduce the large amount of dues outstanding, which have accumulated during the past two years due to the financial stringency.

There is no friction among the members, the officers are popular, the Chapter rooms are splendid, the equipment is fine, and they have a good membership. If I have not diagnosed the trouble and the proper treatment it is for the present officers to suggest and carry out some treatment that will improve matters.

Connaught Chapter, No. 187, Winnipeg.—My visit to this, my own Chapter, was made at the regular convocation in October. Ex. Comp. Crossin and his officers put on the Mark Master Mason degree splendidly. As Ex. Comp. Crossin is known throughout Manitoba as one of the most talented Masons, it is not to be wondered at. The books of the Scribe E. are in excellent shape. The fee for exaltation has been reduced from $75.00 to $50.00. I have every confidence in the ability of the officers of this Chapter and every reason for believing that the coming year will be most successful. The harmony and fellowship that prevail between the two Winnipeg Chapters is greatly to be commended and redounds to the credit of Capitular Masonry. The banquet which followed the work in the Chapter room was a splendid function and was accompanied by a programme of music and instructive addresses.

Keystone Chapter, No. 99, Portage la Prairie.—In company with Comp. F. W. Brodrick, I visited this Chapter officially on Friday, November 5th, at the regular convocation. We were met by the Ex. First Principal and cordially entertained. No exaltations have been made during the year by this Chapter, and there were no candidates for any degree. I did not consider it advisable to ask for the exemplification of any of the work. The opening and closing in the Royal Arch degree, as well as the routine business, were performed in an orderly and dignified manner. As this convocation was held at a time when every effort was being made to get the abundant harvest of grain threshed while the weather was favorable, there was not a large attendance from the district outside of the town itself. After the closing of the Chapter refreshments were served in the banquet

hall, at which Comp. Brodrick gave a most interesting and instructive paper entitled "A Tribute to Canada." The Grand Superintendent also gave an address on "Canada and Her Imperial Duties."

I desire to thank Comps. Brodrick and Macleod for accompanying me to Keystone and Prince Rupert Chapters and to express my appreciation of the courtesy and kindness received from the officers and Companions of all the Chapters in the District. I hope the great benefit that I have derived from the experience of a year as Grand Superintendent will be considered by my successor at his disposal.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. Morden,
Grand Supt. Manitoba East District, No. 15.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.

MANITOBA EAST DISTRICT, No. 15

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Prince Rupert.	52	Winnipeg....	9	2	11	30	2	4.00	399	15	7	1	..	..	..	3	393	7	7	7	100	.....	6782.77	3086.02	.....	1771.20	.....	192.00	Ex.	Yes
Keystone.....	99	Port.la Prairie	9	..	9	20	1	5.00	98	..	..	..	..	..	..		98	..	..	..	40	.....	.....	3000.00	.....	558.50	300.00	.....	Good	Yes.
King Edward	136	Neepawa.....	8	1	9	15	1½	3.00	174	9	11	..	..	2	10	2	171	11	11	11	68	.....	400.00	4688.98	.....	357.50	400.00	.....	Fair	No
Rabboni.....	171	Dauphin	9	..	9	21	3	4.00	124	6	6	.	.	..	..	..	130	6	6	7	10	210.00	1500.00	.....	.....	475.00	1000.00	25.00	Good	Yes.
Connaught....	187	Winnipeg ...	9	2	11	22	7	5.00	80	3	3	3	..	4	3	1	78	3	2	2	2	.....	581.70	378.00	477.92	100.00	.....	75.00	Good	Yes.

MANITOBA WEST DISTRICT, NO. 15A.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

M. Ex. Sir and Companions:—

I have the honor to submit my report of Royal Arch Masonry in Manitoba West District, No. 15A, for the past year.

In common with most of the activities in the West, Royal Arch Masonry has suffered a check due to the temporary financial depression caused by the war. However, I do not think this was more pronounced in our District than that prevailing in other similarly situated localities.

It is with pleasure I record that the Chapters in this District have responded to the call of king and country and sent many of their noblest and best to defend the honor of our fair Dominion.

An event which cast the deepest gloom over our District was the death of R. Ex. Comp. G. A. Coulter, of Hartney, Man., our Immediate Past Grand Superintendent, which occurred in September last. R. Ex. Comp. Coulter had been in poor health for over a year and bore his great suffering with Christian fortitude. While his death was not unexpected, it nevertheless caused the deepest regret and sorrow, and our deceased Companion was followed to his last resting place by perhaps the largest concourse of Masons ever assembled in this District. I feel that too high a tribute to his many very excellent qualities cannot be paid, as he had endeared himself to all with whom he had come in touch.

Avondale Chapter, No. 156, Hartney, Man.—I have had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter twice during my term of office, and have found it in unusually good condition. On both occasions degree work was done in an admirable manner, and too great credit cannot be

given to the officers for the way in which they performed their duties. On my first visit, on April 30th, work in the Mark Master Mason degree was creditably conferred. On my second visit, May 28th, this Chapter held their annual reunion, which is always a landmark. Companions from every Chapter in the District attended in large numbers. This convocation took the form somewhat of a Chapter of Instruction, and I feel that good was accomplished as well as a most profitable evening spent. Work was done in both the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees.

Keystone Chapter, No. 141, Brandon, Man.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on February 7th and received a most hearty welcome. Although no degree work was done, the efficient manner in which the officers opened and closed the Chapter and their method of conducting the business of the evening proved without a doubt that they are maintaining the high standard of former years. I note with pleasure that this Chapter has the honor of having nine Companions filling the positions of officers in various overseas battalions. This Chapter while, like many others, passing through a quiet period, is still making satisfactory progress, and with the splendid set of officers now at its head is looking forward to a more successful year.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 183, Rivers, Man.—My official visit was on December the 17th, and as this was the night of the election of officers no degree work was done. However, it has been my privilege to see the officers of this Chapter work on many occasions, and I have found it uniformly good. They deserve the highest commendation for the perfect manner in which their Book of Marks is kept, no candidate being permitted to omit this important matter. This is the youngest Chapter in the District and, while it made phenomenal progress during 1912 and 1913, has unfortunately suffered more from removals and the general depression than the Chapters in the older towns. However, the officers and Companions are taking a deep interest in Capitular Masonry and

are confidently looking forward to a brighter and more prosperous year.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 101, Boissevain, Man.—This is the oldest and one of the best officered and managed Chapters in the Province. While at the present time it is passing through a quiet period, much of the life and enthusiasm of Royal Arch Masonry in the western part of the province has emanated from this Chapter. I was unfortunately prevented from visiting this Chapter personally, yet I felt that the interests of Grand Chapter were being looked after in a most efficient manner by R. Ex. Comp. R. G. Willis, Grand Superintendent for 1912, this being his mother Chapter. Keen interest prevails and the prospects are good for the coming year.

In summing up, I am pleased to report that the books of all the Chapters are well and carefully kept, and all reports to Grand Chapter promptly sent in, the one exception being that the Mark Book was in some instances somewhat neglected. I think this will, however, receive better attention in the future. Harmony and loyalty to Grand Chapter prevail to a marked degree.

Fraternally submitted,

T. M. Ferguson,
Grand Supt. Manitoba West District, No. 15a.

Rivers, Man.

MANITOBA WEST DISTRICT, No. 15a.

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Corinthian....	101	Boissevain...	9	..	9	13	1	2.00	109	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	109	2	2	2	55	.....	1557.00	511.00	400.00	445.00	225.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Keystone.....	141	Brandon.....	9	2	11	12	2	3.00	84	7	7	2	..	2	.	1	90	7	7	7	43	75.00	2153.00	439.50	900.00	315.00	600.00	25.00	Good	Yes.
Avondale.....	156	Hartney.....	10	..	10	30	6	5.00	117	10	10	..	.	2	..	4	127	10	5	5	...	.....	3000.00	1700.00	300.00	310.00	300.00	75.00	Good	Yes.
Mount Sinai ..	183	Rivers	7	..	7	14	3	3.00	89	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	89	..	..	..	...	None	1200.00	361.33	700.00	282.00	500.00	100.00	Fair	Yes.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor of submitting my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 16, in British Columbia.

On June 11th I visited Westminster Chapter, No. 124, New Westminster, B.C. A candidate was advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason. The degree and general work of the evening was done in an efficient and impressive manner. The officers are able and take an interest in their work, and the prospects of this Chapter are good.

On June 12th I visited North Vancouver Chapter, No. 191, at North Vancouver, B.C. During my visit no degree was conferred, but the general work of the officers was good and convinced me that their degree work would be equally as well done had I the honor to have seen it.

On June 14th I visited a joint convocation of Vancouver Chapter, No. 98, and Pacific Chapter, No. 190, at Vancouver, B.C. The Chapter was opened and the degree of a Royal Arch Mason was conferred by Ex. Comp. Munn of Pacific Chapter. This work was done in as impressive a manner as I had ever seen it, and I was particularly pleased with it. Pacific Chapter is bound to be one of the best Chapters in the District. The Chapter was closed by Ex. Comp. Ditmars of Vancouver Chapter and his officers. I sincerely regret that I had not the pleasure of seeing this distinguished Mason exemplify degree work, as from the work which I had the pleasure of seeing, and from my acquaintance with him, as one of the leading Masons in British Columbia, I am confident that he would leave nothing undone to make the work impressive and instructive. Vancouver Chapter has an excellent future.

On June 15th I visited Keystone Chapter, No. 127, at Nanaimo, B.C. The work of the Royal Arch degree was exemplified and the officers appeared to be interested in their work. This Chapter will doubtless improve and ultimately more nearly approach the high standards of efficiency set by the Vancouver Chapters.

On June 16th I visited Camosun Chapter, No. 182, at Victoria, B.C. No degree work was exemplified, yet, judging from the quality of the officers and the interest which they were taking in this young Chapter, I am confident that their standards are high and that the quality of their work is good. I believe this Chapter will become very prosperous and creditable.

On November 17th I made an official visit to Kaien Chapter, No. 178, at Prince Rupert, B.C. This is my home Chapter. I attend it regularly, and I believe that the standards of Kaien Chapter, both in officers and work, are second to none in the District.

Although I endeavored to arrange for a meeting of Cyrus Chapter, No. 142, at Cumberland, B.C., I was unable to have a convocation arranged for. I both wrote and telegraphed their Scribe E., but could get no answer to either my letter or telegram, and had to return to Prince Rupert without the opportunity of visiting them. Their report, however, shows that this Chapter is in a very delinquent condition. I had almost decided that it would be in the interest of Masonry to arrest their charter, when I received a letter enclosing their report and explaining that the prospects were particularly bright for reorganization and revivifying this Chapter. On that account I have refrained from moving in the matter.

I am pleased to be able to report that with the exception of Cyrus Chapter, No. 142, Royal Arch Masonry in District No. 16 is in a flourishing and highly creditable condition. My visits were a source of pleasure to me, and I take considerable pride in being able to submit my report. During my visits I impressed upon the Scribes E.

to be prompt in making their returns to the office of the Grand Scribe E., and trust that there will be no default. In all cases I was received with the honor and consideration due the representative of your honorable body.

D. H. Morrison,
Grand Supt. British Columbia District, No. 16.

Prince Rupert, B.C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 16

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Vancouver .	98	Vancouver....	10	.	10	30	3.4	6.00	293	.	..	..	..	10	8	4	271	..	1	1	70	None	2000.00	250.00	200.00	700.00	300.00	400.00	Fair	Yes.
Westminster	124	NewW'minster	10	..	10	16	7	3 00	186	2	1	..		4	..	5	178	1	1	2	47	None	1238.02	472.27	400.00	365.75	300.00	None	Fair	Yes.
Keystone...	127	Nanaimo.....	8	1	9	10	1	3.00	74	5	5	..	..	..	..	2	77	5	5	5	31	.....	536.00	400.00	200.00	136.00	150.00	45.00	Good	Yes.
Cyrus.....	142	Cumberland ..	1	.	1	.	...	6.00	51	..	..	..	.	..	..		51	..	..	.	47	.....	300.00	200 00	300.00	.....	300.00	.....	?	....
Kaien.....	178	Prince Rupert.	10	3	13	21	1½	3.00	82	6	6	..	..	..	4	1	83	6	6	5	20	602.00	2167.00	50.00	1750.00	60.00	300.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Camosun...	182	Victoria.....	12	6	18	27	6	5.00	68	14	14	6	1	1	6	1	81	14	14	13	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.00	500.00	25.00	Good	Yes.
Pacific	190	Vancouver....	11	4	15	20	9	5.00	97	5	5	..	..	5	14	..	83	5	5	5	32	104.65	672.44	292.00	380.00	174.65	300.00	50 00	Good	Yes.
N.Vancouver	191	N. Vancouver.	12	4	16	18	2	6.00	63	3	3	..	.	2	..	1	63	3	3	3	23	.....	741.60	131.45	327.15	283.00	.....	.....	Fair	Yes.

ALBERTA NORTH DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

M. Ex. Sir and Companions:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Alberta North District No. 17.

Alberta Chapter, No. 106, Calgary.—My official visit was paid to this Chapter on December 1st, at a Regular Convocation. There was no degree work, but the chair was very ably filled by R. Ex. Comp. Lindsay during the transaction of business and election of officers, after which the Companions repaired to the banquet room where the balance of the evening was spent in partaking of a delightful luncheon and the delivering of short addresses by several of the Companions. I am pleased to state that this Chapter is recovering nicely from the effects of the recent trouble in Capitular Masonry in this Province, and no doubt will make a great step forward during the coming year.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 179, Calgary.—I visited this Chapter on December 2nd. It was also a Regular Convocation. There was no degree work, but the business was transacted in a very efficient manner by Ex. Comp. Milne and his officers.

Keystone Chapter, No. 196, Red Deer.—I officially visited and consecrated this Chapter at the regular Convocation on November 19th. Here I found a very efficient set of officers, and the prospects are favorable for the establishment of one of the best Chapters in Western Canada.

Capital City Chapter, No. 197, Edmonton.—On November 26th, through the kindness of Capital City Chapter, I was enabled to hold a Chapter of Instruction,

and I paid my official visit on that occasion. This is the Chapter "par excellence" of the District, and the name Capital City Chapter among Royal Arch Masons has become a synonym of real Masonic worth. The high standard of efficiency that has marked the work of this Chapter, since it was formed on the 9th January, 1914, is being maintained in a wonderful degree by Ex. Comp. D. R. Cameron and his officers. I may say that the Companions regret very much the loss of the services of the Scribe E., Comp. J. F. McCallum, who, finding that he could not possibly attend to the duties appertaining to that office and also properly attend to his business, has resigned. The First Principal-elect, Ex. Comp. J. G. Morris, being suddenly stricken with illness during the summer, and having not fully recovered, on the advice of his physician has gone to Scotland, and the Chapter will also lose his services for a time, at least.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 198, Vermilion.—I visited this Chapter November 23rd and was accorded a very enthusiastic reception by the officers and Companions present. This Chapter has made excellent progress under the direction of Ex. Comp. A. W. Roseborough and his officers, who exhibited wonderful ability in transacting business and conferring the Mark Master Mason degree.

Norwood Chapter, U.D., Edmonton.—This Chapter was instituted on May 19th. Being absent from the city, I deputed R. Ex. Comp. A. R. Duncan to take charge of the ceremony; he having very kindly consented to act for me. I paid my official visit on November 29th. None of the three Principals were present, the First Principal having removed to Toronto, and the other two being out of the city. Ex. Comp. Dr. Neff has stepped into the breach caused by the absence of the First Principal and has very effectively carried on the work. The Scribe E., Comp. W. Thompson, has also shown himself a worthy Companion from the manner in which he shouldered responsibilities in carrying on the work, and to his untiring efforts is due, to a great degree, the success of this Chapter.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 202, Killam.—I have been unable as yet to visit this Chapter; having joined the colors and being ordered out to Fort Saskatchewan on recruiting duty, I fear I will not get an opportunity to do so. I have met the First Principal, Ex. Comp. F. E. Nicol, on several occasions in Edmonton and Calgary, and he assured me the work was being carried on in a very satisfactory manner.

Chapter of Instruction.—As hereinbefore stated, I held a Chapter of Instruction on November 26th, commencing at 14 o'clock. There were representatives present from every Chapter in the District. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred under the direction of Ex. Comp. Doolan of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 179, Calgary; the Most Excellent Master degree under the direction of Ex. Comp. Brimacombe, with a full set of officers from Vermilion Chapter, No. 196. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by the officers of Capital City Chapter, No. 197, under the direction of Ex. Comp. D. R. Cameron. At the close of the Chapter the Companions were the guests of Capital City Chapter at a delightful banquet at the Chateau Macdonald.

Fraternally submitted,

S. F. Patterson,
Grand Supt. Alberta North District, No. 17.

Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

ALBERTA NORTH DISTRICT, No. 17

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Alberta.....	106	Calgary....	12	3	15	..	..	....	...	2	3	2	..	1	..	..	...	3	2	2	.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
North Star..	118	Edmonton.	3	..	3	10	3	3.00	19	...	...	.	29	..	..	2	47	...	...	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Otuskwan ..	179	Calgary. ..	10	3	13	10	1	4.00	30	7	6	..	..	1	..	2	37	6	8	7	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Good	Yes.
Keystone...	196	Red Deer..	9	2	11	18	1	3.00	79	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	82	3	3	3	..	....	1200.00	350.00	.....	170.00	.....	75.00	Good	Yes.
Capital City.	197	Edmonton.	10	8	18	31	3	5.00	159	22	16	1	..	2	..	1	173	16	15	18	20	.....	1924 00	1077.00	847.00	402.50	700.00	.....	Ex.	Yes.
Vermilion...	198	Vermilion..	11	.	11	17	2	5.00	56	2	2	1	..	..	.	1	59	3	..	...	4	.....	800.00	251.41	.....	38.45	800.00	.....	Fair	Yes
Mt. Olivet..	202	Killam....	..	.	..	..	..	....	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	...
Norwood....	U.D.	Edmonton.	7	4	11	15	2	5 00	...	55	32	1	..	..	..	..	49	32	29	28	..	54.00	700.00	200.00	500.00	45.00	800.00	.....	Good	Yes.

ALBERTA SOUTH DISTRICT, NO. 17A.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., the Officers and Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District.

During the term of my office and while visiting the Chapters, I thought it best not to in any way refer to the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta, for I have found that, although the majority of the Companions have remained loyal to the Grand Chapter of Canada, there is almost a general desire that the unhappy conditions now existing may speedily pass away and a Grand Chapter be formed in this Province in such a manner that Companions who are now excluded from our Chapters may again be permitted to enter and work together in peace and harmony as of old, and with that thought in mind I considered it best not to hold a Chapter of Instruction owing to the likelihood of the discussion reaching that point.

TAU CROSS CHAPTER, NO. 201, CLARESHOLM.—On December 14th I paid my official visit to this Chapter, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Bedingfield, Ex. Comp. Ballachey, Ex. Comp. Buck and Comp. Thomas, all from my home Chapter, and at the request of the Grand Z., and with the help of Excellent Companions present I consecrated and dedicated the Chapter, after which I installed the officers for the ensuing year. This Chapter has been very unfortunate during the past year, their First Principal, Ex. Comp. Henderson, at the beginning of his term having to undergo a very serious operation; in fact for many weeks his life was despaired of, but on the evening of my visit he was very much in evidence, and after a little more rest should be fully recovered. The Chapter is just on an even keel and prospects look brighter for the coming year; the regalia and appointments are excellent, the books well kept, and the officers installed fully competent.

Golden West Chapter, No. 159, High River.—My official visit to this, my home Chapter, was made on the evening of December the 20th. I was received by my Companions in true orthodox style. I attended all the Convocations called by this Chapter; although we have not been worked so hard during the year, yet the Chapter is in excellent financial condition and the prospects for the coming year even brighter, as there are several candidates for initiation. Like the other Chapters throughout the District, we can depend on the faithful few, and with the assistance of a faithful Scribe E. are enabled to call a Convocation at any time. The books are well kept, the regalia and other property of the Chapter in good condition, and with an excellent selection of officers I look forward for good results during the ensuing year.

Bekah Chapter, No. 176, Macleod.—On Monday evening, January the 3rd, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, which was their first meeting for several months, owing to their books and regalia, also charter, being taken by the opposing faction, but I am pleased to report that this property has been restored to them and that an amicable settlement has been effected. With a small attendance of members, they elected officers and I installed them for the ensuing year. The officers elected are energetic, and I look forward for a prosperous year for Bekah Chapter. For the retiring First Principal, Comp. Ferguson, I must congratulate him on the very able manner in which he handled the affairs of the Chapter during his term of office, and also Comp. Sutherland, Scribe E., whose duties during the past year must have been very great and required very careful tact. The seal of the Chapter returned has been tampered with to the extent of altering the number, and the books have the records of the proceedings of the meetings held under the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta contained in them.

Kether Chapter, No. 177, Pincher Creek.—On the evening of January the 4th I paid my official visit to this Chapter, where I was received by the Companions

in goodly numbers and in the most friendly and cordial manner. The meeting was called earlier than usual to enable me to leave the same evening. The Companions in this Chapter are scattered throughout the country, while several have enlisted for active service. I was pleased to hear that two of the Companions, although the evening was very cold, had driven, one 15 miles, the other 35 miles to attend. I did not see any work done, but by the manner in which the Chapter was opened and closed by the officers I am sure of their proficiency. During the evening I installed the officers for the ensuing year, and I have no doubt they will give a good account of themselves during their term of office. This Chapter has spacious quarters, and I found everything in excellent condition.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 158, Lethbridge.—On January the 5th I paid my official visit to this Chapter. The appearance of their Chapter room and the Companions at once bespoke welcome. I was received in the most cordial manner. The Companions suffered during the past year a great loss by the death of their First Principal, Ex. Comp. Jones. This Chapter has apparently been marking time during the past year, but as they have considerable work for the coming year, and the very best of material for officers, I look for greater achievements in the future. I spent a most pleasant evening among the Companions, both in and out of the Chapter, and sincerely hope that my visit may have been of some profit to them. The books are well kept and the regalia and other property in good order.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 126, Medicine Hat.—On January the 6th I paid my official visit to this Chapter. I found the Companions and officers very enthusiastic, and will say that this Chapter stands second to none in the Province, and perhaps in the Dominion of Canada. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates in a very able manner. The Chapter room is spacious and the regalia and other appointments good. Their Scribe E. I must congratulate for the compact and

excellent condition of the books. The financial condition of this Chapter is very bright, and all other conditions brighter. I am very much indebted to R. Ex. Comp. Sanders and also to the First Principal-elect, Ex. Comp. Dewie, for many kindnesses extended to me during my short stay at Medicine Hat.

HILLVUE CHAPTER, U.D., HILLCREST.—I am very sorry to report that, owing to the very unsatisfactory condition of the train service in this territory, I was unable to visit this Chapter, but in conversation with R. Ex. Comp. Sanders I learned the Companions are enthusiastic and the affairs of the Chapter in good order.

Now that my term of office has nearly expired, I recall to memory many courtesies and kindnesses extended to me during my visits to the Chapters in the District, and I hope that I may have earned in some measure the honor of being appointed to the position of your District Superintendent at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, convened in London, Ontario, where I was exalted to the Supreme degree of Royal Arch Masonry many years ago.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY H. GOULD,
Grand Supt. Alberta South District, No. 17A.

High River, Alberta.

ALBERTA SOUTH DISTRICT, No. 17a

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Tau Cross ..	201	Claresholm ..	6	6	12	12	2	3.00	18	2	5	1	..	..	..	..	24	5	5	7	..	300.00	.....	.....	500.00	65.00	350.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Kether	177	Pincher Creek	7	.	7	11	2	5.00	27	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	27	2	2	2	4	.....	50.00	150.00	.....	60.00	.....	.....	Good	Yes.
Shekinah....	158	Lethbridge ..	9	1	10	12	8	5.00	91	4	2	4	3	2	2	2	85	2	2	2	45	651.09	1290.95	1290.95	.....	294.05	400.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Golden West.	159	High River..	11	..	11	10¼	.	3.00	89	2	2	..	..	5	2	..	84	2	2	2	20	172.90	1772.81	1301.23	444.48	200.00	.....	.....	Ex.	Yes.
Assiniboia ...	126	Medicine Hat	9	..	9	20	3	3.00	149	6	4	..	..	4	14	..	139	4	4	5	40	34.75	2151.89	1791.89	360.00	121.25	250.00	100.00	Ex.	Yes.
Bekah. ...	176	Macleod	.	..	..	..	..	....	26	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	26	..	..	..	26	40 00	Not known	Not known	Not known	All	.....	.....	Good	Yes.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NO. 18.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Freemasonry in Kootenay District, No. 18, for the year 1915.

I have attended nearly all the meetings of my mother Chapter, Rocky Mountain, No. 125. The officers have performed their work in a most efficient manner, and the Companions are most loyal and enthusiastic. Although there has not been any great increase in membership, the interest has been well maintained. The future for this Chapter is excellent and encouraging.

I have visited Fernie several times, but have been unable to get a meeting of the Companions of Crow's Nest Chapter.

In December I visited Nelson Chapter, No. 123, and was royally welcomed by the Companions. As this was the meeting for the election of officers, I had an opportunity of seeing the Chapter in its routine business, and also of witnessing the conferring of the Most Excellent Master degree. I was especially impressed with the interest displayed by the Companions in the work of the Chapter, and also the splendid spirit of comradeship among them. The degree was conferred in a very impressive manner, and the whole work of the Chapter carried out by the officers in a faithful and efficient manner. This Chapter, whilst reporting a slight decrease in membership, has gained strength in all things pertaining to Capitular Freemasonry.

I have been unable to visit the Companions of Kootenay Chapter, No. 120; neither have I been able to get any reply to my communications.

I would earnestly recommend that an officer of Grand Chapter visit the Chapters of this District and impart instruction in order to gain greater uniformity and to make more tangible our relationship to the Grand Chapter.

I would like to express my appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown me by the Companions during my term of office and to thank you for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me to the office of Grand Superintendent.

During the year many Companions have left the District in response to the call of duty to serve king and country. Whilst we were sorry to see them go, yet we were proud that in the hour of need they were not found wanting, and I can assure you that their sacrifice will be ever green in the history of their Chapters and in the hearts of their Companions.

Fraternally submitted,

T. H. Banfield,
Grand Supt. Kootenay District, No. 18.

Cranbrook, B.C.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, No. 18

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Rocky Mou'tain	125	Cranbrook...	12	..	12	12	1	$ 3.00	129	3	2	1	..	2	..	1	129	2	2	2	27	$ Nil.	$ 2087.00	$ 87.00	$ 2000.00	$ 250.00	$ 200.00	$ 43.00	Ex.	Yes
Nelson.....	123	Nelson.....	9	..	9	20	1½	3.00	118	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	116	1	1	..	7	Nil.	1287.78	1082.78	200.00	159.00	300.00	50.00	Ex.	Yes.
*Kootenay	120	Kaslo.....	..	..	..	...	..	.....	..	.	..	..	..	..	.	..	...	..	..	.	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
*Crows Nest...	137	Fernie.....																												

*No returns.

YALE-COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 18a.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District for the year ending December 31st, 1915.

ROSSLAND CHAPTER, NO. 122, ROSSLAND.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on 26th October. There was no work for this meeting, nor was any exemplified owing to Ex. Comp. J. W. Junkin, the First Principal, being indisposed. R. Ex. Comp. Plewman informed me that the officers of this Chapter are well informed in the several degrees. The books and records of the Chapter have been well kept, and they reflect credit on the S. E., Comp. G. W. Dunn. I also found that the dues had been well paid. After the Chapter had been closed the Companions retired to the banquet hall, where a liberal supply of refreshments was served.

REVELSTOKE CHAPTER, NO. 128, REVELSTOKE.—On 1st November my official visit to this Chapter was made, when the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. W. Hamilton and his officers in a very creditable manner. I found the books well kept, the Companions zealous, and am of opinion that this Chapter has a bright future. After the close of the Chapter a pleasant hour was spent in the refreshment room.

OKANAGAN CHAPTER, NO. 157, VERNON.—This is my home Chapter, and I am not quite satisfied with its condition. For this reason, in the notice of my official visit, which was made on 25th November, I requested that some work be exemplified, but this was not complied with. In justice to the Scribe E., I must report having found the books and records in very good condition. At the close of the Chapter refreshments were served. From the speeches delivered, I am led to hope that my succes-

sor will be justified in making a more favorable report on the Chapter.

Boundary Chapter, No. 174, Grand Forks.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on 21st October. Owing to the present unusual conditions, there were only thirteen members of this Chapter residing in Grand Forks, of which number twelve were present at this meeting. Unfortunately, the First Principal was called away from Grand Forks on important business the day of my visit, for which reason no work was done. I was informed by R. Ex. Comp. Cook that the officers of this Chapter are capable of discharging their duties in a satisfactory manner. When normal conditions return I am satisfied that the members of Boundary Chapter will give a good account of themselves. The books and records being in the care of R. Ex. Comp. Cook is a sufficient guarantee that they are being kept in good order. Refreshments were served at the close of the Chapter.

Kelowna Chapter, U.D., Kelowna.—Twenty-two resident Companions applied for a dispensation to form a Chapter in Kelowna, which the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal was graciously pleased to grant. The prospects of this Chapter are very bright, there being at least ten prospective candidates in view. All arrangements having been made, this Chapter will be instituted on 17th January. The officers selected have been faithful in their work, and I feel sure that the installing officer will be able to make a satisfactory report as to their proficiency and the prospects of this Chapter.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions of this District for the honor conferred on me by my selection for the office of Grand Superintendent, and for the kindly manner in which I was received on my visits to the different Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

E. R. Bailey,
Grand Supt. Yale-Columbia District, No. 18a.

Kelowna, B.C.

YALE-COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 18a

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								$														$	$	$	$	$	$	$		
Rossland	122	Rossland	9	4	13	11	2	2.00	106	3	2	..	1	..	2	..	107	2	2	2	34	46.00	1822.74	1318.93	117.15	137.00	500.00	45.00	Fair	Yes.
Revelstoke.....	128	Revelstoke...	7	..	7	12	..	3.00	84	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	84	2	..	..	25	.....	.....	62.35	3000.00	125.00	400.00	.....	Ex.	*Can't say.
Okanagan	157	Vernon.....	6	.	6	13⅓	..	3.00	68	..	..	..	..	1	7	1	59	..	..	..	59	.....	.....	.....	350.00	264.00	200.00	.....	†Fair	Yes.
Boundary.....	174	Grand Forks.	9	..	9	11	1	3.00	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	43	..	..	..	5	.....	600.00	150.00	450.00	45.00	500.00	.....	Good	Yes

* Never had candidates for all degrees. † Subject to my report.

SASKATCHEWAN NORTH DISTRICT, NO. 19A.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

I have the honor to submit a report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Saskatchewan North District, No. 19a, for the year 1915.

I had intended making my visits to the various Chapters in this district during the month of November, but at the time I was confined to the house through illness.

PRINCE ALBERT CHAPTER, NO. 160.—I have not been able to visit this Chapter yet, as on both occasions on which I had made arrangements the trains were stormbound and I was unable to get through, but I am closely in touch with the Companions of Prince Albert Chapter in other lines of Masonic work, and have always found Prince Albert members enthusiastic and efficient. I expect to be able to visit them at their next regular Convocation should the train service permit.

SASKATOON CHAPTER, NO. 165, SASKATOON.—This being my own Chapter, I have been able to attend all the Convocations, and can speak highly of the manner in which the work has been managed by Ex. Comp. Holland and his officers. Although no great increase in membership was shown during the past year, owing to the financial conditions prevailing, the prospects are very good for the coming year. I did not pay my official visit to this Chapter until January 20th, at their regular Convocation, but no work was done. I had the honor of installing the officers in this Chapter on December 17th, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Crandon, who has never allowed his enthusiasm in Capitular Masonry to lax. The books were not very well kept by the former Scribe E., but Comp. Todd gives promise of making an efficient and careful officer.

BATTLEFORD CHAPTER, NO. 181, BATTLEFORD.—As I was unable to visit this Chapter in November, when I

had planned, I accordingly visited them on the evening of January 20th, and, although rather late in arriving, I was well received by the officers and Companions. Two candidates were to have been present, but were unable to attend owing to the condition of the roads. However, the Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified in a very pleasing and correct manner. This Chapter has not made very much numerical progress, but is not by any means dormant. The officers are well skilled and duly instructed. The Scribe E. (who is a Past Principal) has the books in very good shape. There was not a very large attendance on the night of my visit. There were seven Past Principals present, among them R. Ex. Comp. Brown, who is a "tower of strength" to this Chapter.

King George Chapter, U.D., Yorkton.—I might say there was considerable delay in getting this Chapter instituted, owing to a dispute regarding the standing of one of the petitioners for the dispensation. This being cleared up, I had the pleasure of instituting this Chapter on the night of December 30th, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Russell Hartney and Ex. Comp. Needham of Saskatoon Chapter and Ex. Comp. Pollock of King Edward Chapter, No. 136, of Neepawa. The Companions installed in office are very enthusiastic, and as Yorkton, in my opinion, is a very good location for a Chapter, I believe that Capitular Masonry, under the guidance of Ex. Comp. Acheson, will make good progress. The officers of this Chapter intend journeying to Saskatoon for a Chapter of Instruction some time in the near future, when all degrees are to be conferred. This will no doubt prove beneficial to the new officers, who are not yet sure of their ground and wish to take this opportunity of seeing the work done and to correct any errors they, as new officers, would likely make.

With regard to a Chapter in the town of Humboldt, I had almost concluded that they had given up the idea, but I am advised by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith that the Companions at Humboldt have now sent him the amount necessary for a dispensation. On receipt of R. Ex. Comp. Smith's letter I wrote Comp. Russell at

Humboldt, asking him to send me the certificates of standing or demits of the Companions who are petitioning for the dispensation, but up to date have not heard from him.

With regard to a Chapter of Instruction, after consultation with a number of the Past Principals in this District, it was deemed inadvisable to call the Companions to attend a meeting in Saskatoon (although the best point geographically), owing to the financial condition of the Chapters in this District. As Chapters of Instruction are necessary to preserve uniformity, in my opinion it would be well if each Chapter in a District would make provision to pay the actual travelling expenses of their officers to a Chapter of Instruction, where all degrees would be exemplified, discussed and errors corrected, because as a rule there is only one degree usually worked when the Grand Superintendent makes his visit, and as a consequence he has an opportunity only of observing and correcting the one degree. In this western country, where the distances between Chapters are so great, the above is not particularly applicable for uniformity in the work.

Although Capitular Masonry in this District has not made very great progress, either financially or numerically, during the past year, it is due to the prevailing conditions, and not from lack of enthusiasm or inefficiency of the officers. I am confident that when the war is over and conditions become normal Saskatchewan North District, No. 19a, will be second to none under the Grand Chapter of Canada.

In conclusion, I most sincerely thank the several Chapters in this District for their many kindnesses to me during my term of office as the humble representative of the Most Excellent Grand Z.

Fraternally submitted,

R. Blackwood,

Grand Supt. Saskatchewan North District, No. 19A.

Saskatoon, Sask.

SASKATCHEWAN NORTH DISTRICT, No. 19a

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.F.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex Z. work all Degrees ?
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Prince Albert..	160	Prince Albert	8	..	8	12	..	$3.00 6.00	97	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	96	..	..	..	38	.....	1705.80	365.80	1400.00	607.00	1075.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Battleford....	181	Battleford...	5	2	7	12	..	3.00 5.00	58	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	62	4	4	4	44	.....	1703.29	218.29	1000.00	485.00	400.00	.....	Good	Yes.
*Saskatoon ...	165	Saskatoon...	..	..	..	..	..	.....	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....

* No return.

SASKATCHEWAN WEST DISTRICT, NO. 19B.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Saskatchewan West District, No. 19b, for the year 1915.

I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me by my Companions and the Most Excellent the Grand Z. in electing and confirming me to the position of Grand Superintendent of this District, and I trust my efforts will prove of some benefit to the Chapters. All the Chapters in this District are loyal to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and on only one occasion, to my knowledge, have any of the Chapters been forced to refuse admission to a Companion from any of the Chapters of Alberta now under suspension for rebellion.

There are two new Chapters about to be instituted in this District—the first at Assiniboia, for which the Most Excellent the Grand Z. has been pleased to issue a dispensation; the second is at Shaunavon, where matters have not progressed quite so far, but I am of the opinion it is in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry that both these should be started.

I wish to thank the Past Grand Superintendents, who have given me so much help during the past year.

UNITY CHAPTER, NO. 186, SWIFT CURRENT.—This being my own Chapter, I have attended all meetings, and paid my official visit on April 14th, when the Royal Arch degree was worked in splendid style. Unity Chapter moved into new quarters early in the year, and now have Chapter parlors that would do credit to a much larger and older Chapter; the officers take great interest in putting on the work, and their prospects for the future are very bright.

Weyburn Chapter, No. 173, Weyburn.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on September 29th, and had with me Ex. Comp. M. C. C. James, First Principal of Unity Chapter. All three degrees were worked at this meeting, but as it is an all-day journey to get to Weyburn, we were not able to be with them for the afternoon meeting. In the evening the Royal Arch degree was worked, and the work was well done, notwithstanding the fact that several of their regular officers had heard the call of their king and country and their places were being filled by others. After the work was finished, the secret work in the various degrees was exemplified. A great deal of credit is due R. Ex. Comp. Sharpe for the interest he continues to take in the welfare of this Chapter.

Chapter of Instruction.—I held a Chapter of Instruction in Swift Current on November 19th, which was well attended, both by local Companions and visitors. As none of the other Chapters had all their regular staff of officers present, it was decided that Unity Chapter should do all the degree work. There was a class of twelve, and the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees were put on in the afternoon and the Royal Arch degree in the evening. All the work was done in a most creditable manner. The discussion that followed proved the interest that is being taken in the work and the desire for uniformity. The hope was expressed that in the near future the Grand Chapter of Canada would hold its Annual Convocation in one of the western cities, so the Companions of the Province would be able to attend. After the labors of the evening were completed a social time was indulged in, and I wish to thank Unity Chapter and the visiting Companions for making it a success.

Estevan Chapter, No. 180, Estevan.—I visited this Chapter on January 4th. This Convocation had been called for the purpose of discussing the advisability of surrendering their charter, which shows without comment the state of affairs there, but at the meeting, which was fairly well attended, it was decided unanimously to continue the work of the Chapter. The officers were

therefore elected and installed. I was assisted in the ceremony by R. Ex. Comp. Neal, and I believe that the newly installed officers realize the responsibility of their position and that it rests with them to keep their Chapter from being disgraced by having to give up its Charter. That the officers elected are capable and willing I have not the slightest doubt, and I have every confidence that they will place Estevan Chapter in its proper place in Royal Arch Masonry.

Moose Jaw Chapter, No. 162, Moose Jaw.—I will visit this Chapter on the 21st of this month (January) and install their officers. I was to have visited the Chapter at its December regular Convocation, and several of the officers and Companions of Unity Chapter were to accompany me, but owing to being called out of town unexpectedly, the visit had to be postponed. I have, however, kept in close touch with this Chapter through meeting R. Ex. Comp. McCauley and other members. This Chapter is in a splendid condition.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and Companions of the various Chapters, who have done so much to make my term of office a success, and to say that the books of all the Chapters are in good shape, with the exception of the book for the signatures to the by-laws of Estevan Chapter, but I have the assurance of the new officers that this will be signed by all the Companions as soon as possible.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Jas. S. Green,
Grand Supt. Saskatchewan West District, No. 19B.

Swift Current, Sask.

SASKATCHEWAN WEST DISTRICT, No. 19b

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Moose Jaw....	162	Moose Jaw...	9	2	11	35	6	3.00	267	5	5	1	..	6	25	2	240	5	4	4	3	150.00	4688.30	778.30	.....	100.00	500.00	100.00	Good	Yes.
Estevan.....	180	Estevan.....	6	..	6	11	1	*3.00	51	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	48	..	1	1	25	330.00	458.00	53.10	350.00	108.00	350 00	.....	Fair	Yes.
Weyburn	173	Weyburn....	11	3	14	14	3	3.00	97	8	11	..	..	2	..	..	106	11	11	11	39	375.00	1097.35	215.55	450.00	431.80	300.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Unity.....	186	Swift Current	9	8	17	22	3	6.00	70	18	18	..	1	..	1	..	88	18	18	18	6	.....	1845.00	600.00	1200.00	52.00	1100.00	150.00	Ex.	Yes.

* Dues have been raised to $5.00.

SASKATCHEWAN EAST DISTRICT, NO. 19c.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Saskatchewan East District, No. 19c, for the year 1915.

It was my privilege to visit each Chapter once officially, when I was received as the representative of the Grand First Principal in a most kindly, cordial and fraternal manner.

Conditions throughout the District might be briefly summed up in the general statement that reasonable uniformity in the practice of our rites and ceremonies prevails, that the spirit of harmony between the Companions is everywhere apparent, that from a numerical and financial standpoint fair progress has been made, and that the prospects for the future, considering the great crisis through which we are passing, are encouraging.

The keen interest displayed in the work and the expressed desire, on the part of many of those present at each Convocation I attended, to become thoroughly acquainted with every phase of our ceremonial workings, augurs well for the future of the Chapters in this District.

During my visits I encouraged historical, symbolical and mystical study and research with the view to developing a true conception of the work and aims of the Royal Arch. I tried to impress upon the Companions the desirability of perfection and uniformity in the performance of our ceremonies, but at the same time warned them against permitting this phase of our workings to overshadow their real objects, and pointed out to them their duty in seeing that "none but 'men among men'—men of energy, of head and heart—are admitted within the portals or elected to offices of responsibility."

No untoward incident has been brought to my attention, and Masonic good-will among the Companions has been in evidence wherever I had the pleasure of visiting.

I am pleased to report that in nearly every instance I found the Chapters properly equipped with furnishings and paraphernalia, and an organ or piano as well, so that music could be introduced into their ceremonies. This property in every instance has been protected by adequate insurance against loss by fire.

The funds of the respective Chapters are guarded by being deposited in a chartered bank to the credit of the Chapter.

The books of the Scribes E. and the Treasurers generally are not up to my idea of the proper standard of efficiency. I would like to see more attention paid to these very important offices, especially that of the Scribe E. The Historical Registers and the Books of Marks seem most neglected. Unfortunately, I found that in four cases no details of the history of the formation and progress of the local institution have been recorded, and I urged that this matter be attended to before the more important items concerning interesting events were forgotten. The Book of Marks is simply a blank in nearly all the Chapters, and I have endeavored to impress upon the principal officers the importance of having it kept entered up to date. I am happy to report, however, that in two of the Chapters visited this unsatisfactory condition does not exist and the Scribes E. not only appear to thoroughly understand, but seem to take pride in properly attending to the duties of the office. Following the instructions issued from the Grand Scribe E.'s office, I have drawn the attention of the officers of each Chapter responsible therefor to the necessity of promptly reporting all admissions to that office, sending in the annual return sheet, and furnishing a list of all Companions enlisted for active service at the front.

Reference to the statistical table hereto attached and comparisons with that of last year will disclose possibly not just as great progress as we had hoped, but at the same time the results are even better after all than might reasonably be expected considering the continued depressing effect on economic conditions caused by the great war in Europe.

It has been a source of great encouragement and satisfaction for me to find in each and every Chapter a certain number of Companions most faithful and devoted to the welfare of their home Chapters and to the interests of the Royal Craft in general. These men demonstrated that they have the best interests of the order at heart and are willing to sacrifice their time and money, if necessary, to further the good cause.

Especially in view of this, I consider that Royal Arch Masonry in this District is on a very good footing, and feel confident that it will emerge from the present strain better than ever fitted to carry on the noble work of cultivating the great principles for which it stands among its present adherents and those of the ranks of the tried, true and trusty Master Masons who may in future be admitted within its portals.

Chapter of Instruction, Wascana, No. 121, Regina.—The Companions of this, my mother Chapter, very kindly consented to having a Chapter of Instruction held in their Chapter room, Masonic Temple Building, Regina, for the benefit of the various Chapters in the District, and called an emergent Convocation for the purpose on December 15th, 1915. The representation, owing, I presume, to the long distances required to be travelled by the Companions from outside Chapters, was rather disappointing, and had it not been for some of the more loyal and enthusiastic members of Wascana Chapter the gathering would have proven a failure. The following Chapters outside the city were represented: Trinity Chapter, No. 192, Melville, by V. Ex. Comp. R. Garvin; Govan Chapter, No. 193, Govan, by Comps. Jas. Walker and G. A. McIntyre.

Portions of the preliminary degrees were exemplified during the afternoon session, and in the evening the Royal Arch degree was conferred on actual candidates by the officers of the local Chapter in a proficient manner. During the entire afternoon session, and after the conferring of the degree in the evening, the Companions present availed themselves of the opportunity of asking questions

concerning and discussing certain phases of the work, and with the kindly and efficient assistance of R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, Grand Second Principal, in imparting the desired information, I believe the meeting proved to all present successful, profitable and satisfactory.

This Chapter is the mother of practically all the other Chapters in this Province, and with a good foundation already laid, a large territory from which to draw, and the presence of so willing and capable a Companion as our present Grand Second Principal to aid and assist, I have every confidence in the continued success of this Chapter. I extend to him and the Companions of Wascana Chapter my sincere thanks for their kindness extended to me personally and for their efforts toward making this Chapter of Instruction a success.

Moose Mountain Chapter, No. 166, Arcola.—The congenial manner in which this Chapter welcomed me upon my official visit on Wednesday afternoon, December 29th, 1915, was proof that its members possess and practise the true spirit of Royal Arch Masonry. They not only demonstrated a willingness to meet my convenience in calling an afternoon session of their Chapter in order to make it possible for me to return to Regina the same day, but also treated me with the utmost kindness and courtesy during my sojourn among them. No degrees were conferred at this Convocation, but if the manner in which the Chapter was opened and closed is a true indication of the ability of its officers to carry through the other ceremonies, I have no fear for its future. Assisted by R. Ex. Comp. John R. Anderson, my immediate predecessor, I had the honor of dedicating and consecrating this Chapter and installing the officers for the ensuing term. This Companion is an active, enthusiastic officer, and I am pleased that past rank in his case has not brought with it any inclination to be a drone in the hive. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Gibson, is also willing and capable, and with the assistance of his officers and a large number of equally zealous, able and enthusiastic private members, I anticipate for this Chapter a very prosperous 1916.

These ceremonies of dedication and installation having been completed, I invited questions by the members on any part of the work on which they were not quite clear, and also had certain portions of the various degrees exemplified. I am confident from the response given, and as a result of the discussions which ensued, that the members received a better understanding of the ceremonies and were spurred on to still greater efforts toward arriving at the ideal condition of perfection.

This Chapter has the largest membership in the District outside of Regina, but the average attendance is only fair. Its arrearages of dues are entirely too large and should be materially reduced before the condition becomes too chronic.

The location of the Chapter room is not in keeping with the exceptionally fine furniture and furnishings which adorn its interior, but I am confident that the spirit which permeates the members of this Chapter will soon overcome this objection and that premises will be secured in keeping with the dignity of Royal Arch Masonry and Moose Mountain Chapter in particular.

I thank the Companions of this Chapter heartily for their courtesy and for their unbounded hospitality in providing at the close of the Chapter session an elaborate luncheon in my honor, and bespeak for them the success which they so richly deserve.

Golden Compass Chapter, No. 170, Sintaluta.—The Companions of this Chapter received me officially on the evening of December 30th, 1915. Owing to my train being delayed, I was late in arriving, and doubtless the attendance was also affected on that account. However, the glad hand of fellowship was extended to me by those who so kindly awaited my coming, and I felt from the outset that I indeed had arrived among genuinely sincere and enthusiastic Companions imbued with the true spirit of the Royal Craft. A table groaning with good things bespoke their unbounded hospitality, and since the Fourth degree was the first order of the evening, they evidently

considered that they could better improve themselves by partaking of refreshments before repairing to labor.

It was a pleasure to witness the opening and closing ceremonies of the Holy Royal Arch conducted by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. T. S. McLeod, and his staff of officers in a most creditable and efficient manner. Unfortunately no degrees were conferred, but judging from the manner in which the opening and closing ceremonies were handled and having seen the three degrees conferred by the officers of the Chapter at a previous date, I felt assured that they were able to do any work pertaining to the Royal Arch in a proficient manner.

This Chapter has been unfortunate during the past year in only receiving one new member, and consequently does not appear to have been very active, although, considering this condition, the average attendance has been fair. The number of meetings held, however, is the smallest in the District. The number of members twelve months in arrears of dues is the largest and is appalling, considering the membership. I would recommend that more drastic steps be taken to improve this abnormal condition, and trust that the good nature of the officers will no longer permit such imposition on the part of delinquent members.

Allow me to further recommend to the new members of this Chapter that they make a special personal appeal to each indifferent member and endeavor to induce him by loyal suasion to attend the meetings, and then see that they give him something worth coming for and thus stimulate his interest in the work of the Chapter. Have meetings regularly and open them punctually, thus creating confidence. Intensify them with lectures on the history and symbolism of the Royal Craft, whether there is degree work or not, and introduce something new and interesting every night. There is plenty of latent talent among the active members which, when aroused, can properly expound the many, many items concerning the Royal Arch of intense interest to each and every member worthy of the name of a Royal Arch Mason. Plenty of

excellent material is waiting to come in, and there will be no dearth of candidates once the Master Masons within the jurisdiction are awakened to a realization that "Golden Compass" is a real live Chapter and they feel that the degrees conferred by it are really to be desired.

This Chapter has excellent appointments, a splendid room for doing good work, and a number of the right kind of Companions behind it, including Past Principal David Railton, who continues to take an active interest in Royal Arch affairs, by lending at all times his able and willing assistance. I cannot refrain from making special comment of the high-grade furniture and furnishings to be found in this Chapter room, and to heartily congratulate the Companions on providing such an attractive home for the Royal Craft in their midst. Knowing a number of the officers and members of this Chapter as I do, and what they are capable of, I anticipate a brighter statistical report on it next year.

Orient Chapter, No. 194, Moosomin.—It was my great pleasure and privilege to visit officially on Friday evening, December 31st, 1915, this, the youngest Chapter in the District, and at the same time one of the most progressive, and my welcome as the first Grand Chapter official to visit these Companions in an official capacity was extended in a most kindly, courteous and fraternal manner by Ex. Comp. C. S. Stuart, who occupied the chair in the absence of the First Principal, who was at the time in Ontario.

No candidates were available, consequently I asked that the meeting be resolved into a Chapter of Instruction, and invited questions and discussions on any portion of the ceremonies. The response was immediate, and it was most encouraging to me to note the keen interest displayed by the Companions present in the various important technical phases of the three degrees, the officers especially evincing a laudable ambition to become thoroughly familiar with the work. Many points of special interest were exemplified and discussed, and I have every reason to believe that the evening was productive of

much benefit; in fact, I consider it to be one of the best meetings I held on my visits, a splendid gathering in every respect.

This Chapter is most fortunate in being able to retain the services of its first Excellent Z., Ex. Comp. C. S. Stuart, who continues a capable, earnest and zealous worker in the cause of the Royal Arch in general and Orient Chapter in particular. If the manner in which the Chapter was opened and closed and the proceedings carried through on the occasion of my visit is typical of the standard set by his Chapter in its workings, there is absolutely no ground for correction, but rather every cause for commendation. At any rate I am convinced that no mistake was made in granting the Charter, and I trust it will continue to prove a benefit and ornament in many respects to Masonry in Moosomin.

Its record as shown on the statistical table speaks eloquently of its good management. It can proudly boast of being the most active, and one of the largest in the District, although the youngest, in spite of the fact, and to its credit, that it has probably yielded up more of its members for the cause of the Empire in this great war than any of our other Chapters outside of Regina. Harmony prevails among its members, and I trust the ensuing year will stimulate them to still greater efforts in the propagation of the great principles for which our Royal Arch stands through the medium of Orient Chapter, one which I consider in excellent condition, bright with realizable prospects.

Govan Chapter, No. 193, Govan.—My home Chapter is all right. Attendance at each meeting during the past year has given me a splendid opportunity to thoroughly inspect its workings. The ceremonial side, under the guidance of Ex. Comp. J. D. McHattie and his staff of always-present, earnest and efficient officers, has been well attended to; and the books and records are satisfactory to me, excepting that the history of its formation and progress is not complete.

The arrearages of dues are excessive, but this condition is being speedily improved. The average attendance during the past year has been only fair and the activity not as marked as during the previous term. However, the jurisdiction is large, and I have every confidence in a return of the old exceedingly favorable conditions.

An official reception was tendered me at the regular meeting of the Chapter held January 4th, 1916. The various points of interest brought out at the Chapter of Instruction, held at Regina on December 15th, 1915, were explained to the Companions, and I feel that this Chapter is now equipped to do better work than ever. I trust my successor will be able to give an even more optimistic report after visiting this Chapter next year.

Trinity Chapter, No. 192, Melville.—My official visit to this Chapter is one to which I had looked forward with pleasure on account of my valued acquaintance with a number of its members. Nor was I disappointed in my reception on the evening of January 7th, 1916, when a number of the more loyal and enthusiastic members turned out to welcome me as the representative of the Grand First Principal. Though few in number, compared with the average attendance of this Chapter, which is the highest in the District, I realized that the sincerity and earnestness of those present was sufficiently intense to more than counteract any little disappointment which might be felt on account of the extent of their numbers.

These Companions have a commodious, well-appointed Chapter room, equipped with first-class furnishings and paraphernalia, and had any degree work been available for the evening I am sure the officers would have demonstrated their ability in that respect was quite in keeping with the other high standards set by them. I recognized in the First Principal Ex. Comp. Henning, a Companion of ability, and knowing, as I do, the earnestness, sincerity and ability of Past First Principal V. Ex. Comp. R. Garvin, the founder of the Chapter, as well as a number of the other officers, I felt that this Chapter is indeed in first-class hands. The real spirit

of the Companions present was evidenced by the questions asked and the discussions which ensued relative to certain portions of the various degrees, which were exemplified and explained. I sincerely trust that the meeting will prove productive of some benefit to the officers and Companions of this Chapter, and they consequently will not feel that any trouble or inconvenience caused through attendance at the meeting was entirely in vain.

The Chapter is in fine financial condition, the arrearages of dues being the lowest in the District, only two members being over twelve months in default. Congratulations are due on this splendid condition and, while it certainly reflects to the credit of the First Principal, yet I feel that it is also an eloquent indication of the good work done by the Scribe E., Comp. W. A. Bent, in looking after the financial end of the institution in a thoroughly businesslike fashion. Another indication of the good work of this Chapter is the fact, already referred to, that its average attendance for the past year exceeds that of any other Chapter in the District, although its total membership is by no means the highest.

While this Chapter has been very active during the past year, there may be some little apprehension regarding the future because of the formation of a Chapter at Yorkton, which will reduce the territory of Trinity Chapter so as to include only three Craft lodges. This seems rather unfortunate, but I feel that these Companions will accept the situation in a true Masonic spirit and will not relinquish their efforts in the cause of the Royal Arch, but rather push on toward the goal, remembering that, after all, more intensive Masonry rather than extensive Masonry will produce the better result.

A pleasant hour was spent after the closing of the Chapter at an oyster supper. Impromptu speeches were given, with Ex. Comp. Henning in a pleasant, able manner presiding as toastmaster. I cannot refrain from making comment on the well-thought-out address of V. Ex. Comp. Garvin on the name "Trinity," the appellation of the local Chapter. My sincere thanks go out to the Com-

panions of this Chapter for the kindness extended to me during my visit.

In conclusion, I desire to express grateful appreciation of the honor conferred upon me of being elected to this high office, and the general courtesy extended to me by the Companions of the various Chapters whose cordial hospitality I have fully enjoyed, and to whom I offer the assurance of my deepest esteem, coupled with sincere hopes that my efforts in fulfilling the duties incumbent upon me may have some good result. For any shortcomings and failures on my part I ask the broad mantle of Masonic charity.

I further desire to give you my assurance, M. Ex. Sir and Companions of the Grand Chapter, of the faithful allegiance of the Chapters of this District to the mother body and their sincere good wishes for its continued prosperity.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Orville Clarke,
Grand Supt. Saskatchewan East District, No. 19c.

Govan, Sask.

SASKATCHEWAN EAST DISTRICT, No. 19c

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Wascana.....	121	Regina....	10	3	13	12	3	3.00 2.00	217	8	8	1	..	7	7	1	217	7	7	7	30	Nil	1650.00	275.00	700.00	600.00	800.00	25.00	Fair	Yes.
Moose Mountain	166	Arcola	7	4	11	10	2	3.00	61	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	69	8	8	8	20	48.00	300.00	9.85	.....	276.00	400.00	.....	Fair	Yes.
Golden Compass	170	Sintaluta..	5	4	9	10	...	3.00	53	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	52	1	1	1	40	Nil	1100.00	.....	.....	Not Given	900.00	.....	Fair	Yes.
Trinity.....	192	Melville...	12	..	12	18	1	3.00 1.50	41	13	13	..	..	..	..	..	54	13	13	13	2	Nil	808.25	40.00	700.00	68.25	600.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Govan.....	193	Govan	10	2	12	14.6	1.7	6.00	56	5	6	..	..	2	..	..	60	6	6	6	5	551.35	642.37	34.77	463.85	143.75	400.00	.....	Good	Yes.
Orient.....	194	Moosomin.	11	5	16	15	1	5.00	55	20	15	1	.	..	..	2	67	15	14	14	7	Nil	800.00	532.00	.....	98.00	400.00	75.00	Good	Yes.

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 20.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—

I beg to submit herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the New Ontario District, No. 20, for the year 1915.

In submitting the annual report as Grand Superintendent for this District I feel I should in some manner offer an apology for any lack of attention on my part which may have appeared apparent during the first part of my term of office. This inattention was caused by the illness of one in my household, and was of such a nature as to cause me very much concern during the greater part of the year.

However, in submitting this report for the year 1915, I have pleasure in congratulating the officers and members of No. 20 District for the general efficiency of the several Chapters, and must thank them for the kindly and fraternal manner with which they received me on the occasions of my official visits.

I have visited every Chapter in the District and, with the exception of one, witnessed at least one degree in each. The Chapter referred to had work for the evening, and all arrangements made, but the candidates, having to come by train, missed connections.

ALGONQUIN CHAPTER, NO. 102, SAULT STE. MARIE.—To this, being my own Chapter, I made my first visit, on May 27th, 1915. We were honored on this occasion by the presence of M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Grand Z. Ex. Comp. Goodfellow and his capable staff of officers put on the Royal Arch degree. It would be difficult to find a Chapter which can confer the Royal Arch degree in a more correct, careful, impressive and reverential manner than this Chapter. I have been present at a num-

ber of the meetings of this Chapter during the year, and the work is always of a high character. I also visited the Chapter in an official way on December 17th and installed the officers for the year 1916.

One of the first acts I was called on to do was the institution of the new Chapter at Cobalt on May 19th. All arrangements being previously made, at the very last moment I found it was impossible for me to leave home. I had, therefore, to call upon R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel of Haileybury to assume the responsibility of the institution of this Chapter, which he did willingly, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Frank Haynes of New Liskeard, together with a number of Companions from St. John's Chapter, North Bay, and Temiskaming Chapter of New Liskeard. Some thirty candidates were exalted, and Cobalt Chapter was set going.

I visited this Chapter officially on December 8th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Frank Haynes of New Liskeard, and witnessed Ex. Comp. Barton and his officers confer the Mark Master Mason degree, which was done in a very creditable manner indeed. The opening and closing in the several degrees was all that could be desired. I am pleased to report this Chapter to be in excellent condition, and am confident of their success, and would recommend the granting of their Charter when the occasion comes for granting it.

Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa.—I made my official visit to Mattawa on December 6th, and was met by R. Ex. Comp. Haentschel and a number of the Companions at the train, who accorded me a hearty and pleasing welcome. At their Convocation on the 6th every member in the town but one was present, and that one was the Ex. Z. himself, who was prevented by death in his family. Mattawa Chapter seems to have taken on a new lease of life, as the Companions are very enthusiastic on the outlook, and from the manner in which the work of the evening was done and carried out, the success of Pembroke Chapter is assured for the future.

Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard.—I made my official visit to this Chapter December 7th, 1915, and was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Frank Haynes, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Sproule and his officers. Comment is needless as to the efficiency of work done by this Chapter. Suffice it to say the work was conferred in a very impressive manner, particularly the part of the Principal Sojourner, Comp. McGill, and which deserves special mention.

St. John's Chapter, No. 103, North Bay.—I visited this Chapter officially on December 9th, 1915. The work was the Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch degrees, which were conferred in a most admirable manner by the First Principal and officers. A word of commendation is due the Scribe E., Comp. Anderson, for the manner in which the books of the Chapter are kept. The prospects of St. John's for the future look bright.

Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on December 14th, 1915, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Goodfellow of Algonquin Chapter, Sault Ste. Marie. The work for the evening was to have been the Mark Master Mason degree, but on account of the train being delayed the candidates could not get there. This being the regular Convocation, the election of officers for 1916 took place, and from the interest shown in the selection and the enthusiasm evinced by the members, I bespeak a prosperous year in 1916 for this Chapter.

In conclusion, let me again place on record my gratitude to the Companions of this District for the great honor and confidence they reposed in me by my selection to the office of Grand Superintendent, and for the assistance received from Past Grand Superintendents R. Ex. Comps. Haentschel, Haynes, Simpson and McCrea.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. G. Campbell,
Grand Supt. New Ontario District, No. 20.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 20

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members	Average Attendance Visitors	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in arrears.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z work all Degrees?
Algonquin . . .	102	Sault Ste. Marie .	10	18	28	24	2	$2.00 3.00	284	26	22	2	. .	7	4	3	294	22	20	18	33	$ Nil	$ 3430.00	$ 1620.00	$ 1810.00	$ 366.00	$ 800.00	$ 150.00	Brig't	Yes.
Pembroke . . .	58	Mattawa	4	2	6	10	2	2.40	51	2	2	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	53	2	2	2	. .	Nil	1325.00	950.00	375.00	Nil	250.00	. . . . .	Ex.	Yes.
St. John's . . .	103	North Bay	9	1	10	14	1	2.00	132	7	7	1	. .	1	6	2	131	7	6	5	6	24.00	787.66	187.66	600.00	100.00	400.00	19.00	Good	Yes.
Tuscan.	95	Sudbury	12	1	13	13	1	2 00	91	9	7	. .	. .	. .	.	2	96	7	7	8	25	100.00	350.00	250.00	100.00	110.00	Nil	Nil	Good	Yes.
Temiskaming	169	New Liskeard . .	11	2	13	19	1	3.00	137	13	13	. .	. .	4	. .	1	145	13	13	10	19	Nil	2000.00	1200.00	800.00	325.00	500.00	150.00	Good	Yes.
Cobalt	U.D	Cobalt	7	2	9	25	3	3.00	*26	34	30	10	. .	. .	. .	1	65	30	30	29	. .	Nil	. . . . .	74.51	600.00	45 00	400.00	. . . . .	Good	Yes.

 * Charter members.

KLONDIKE CHAPTER, NO. 154, UNATTACHED.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Yukon Territory for the year just closed.

While this District is, perhaps, the largest under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, yet in point of membership and number of Chapters it is undoubtedly the smallest, there being, as you are aware, but one Chapter, Klondike, No. 154.

I was present officially at the December Convocation of this Chapter, when, assisted by Ex. Comp. Bragg, I installed the officers for the coming year, and, knowing these officers as I do, I feel sure that the Chapter is in safe and capable hands for the next twelve months.

During my term as the representative of the M. Ex. the Grand Z. I had no difficulties to adjust, Chapter matters running with perfect harmony.

The crisis through which the Empire is now passing, and the consequent depression, has militated to some extent against Klondike Chapter in the past year, but the Companions are optimistic, earnest and enthusiastic, and the outlook for the coming year is better.

We regret very much that R. Ex. Comp. J. Langlois Bell, LL.B. (who is in reality the father of Klondike Chapter), has moved to Whitehorse, where he has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Taylor of that place.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to the M. Ex. the Grand Z. for conferring on me the honor of appointing me his representative in this District for the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. GILLIS,
Acting Grand Supt. Yukon District.

Dawson, Y.T.

YUKON TERRITORY, KLONDIKE CHAPTER—UNATTACHED.

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ?
Klondike.	154	Dawson, Y. T. . .	9	1	10	23	1	$ 5.00	125	3	2	. .	. .	2	4	2	119	2	2	2	20	$ 235.75	$ 1681.70	$ 1081.70	$ 600.00	$ 111.50	$ 500.00	$ 25.00	Fair	Yes.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved,—That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, to report later on at this Convocation.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Fraternal greetings by letters and telegrams were received from a number of Companions. Among those read were from M. Ex. Comps. Jared A. Reed, Grand High Priest, and A. A. Adams, Past Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York; R. Ex. Comps. William Noble, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma; George N. Delap, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut; Sir John M. Gibson, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, near the Grand Chapter of Canada; R. G. W. Conolly, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, near the Grand Chapter of Canada; J. T. Hollinshead, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, near the Grand Chapter of Canada, and Frank E. Harley, Grand Registrar.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the annual report of that committee, which, on motion of R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE ACTING GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

COMPANIONS,—Owing to the regrettable illness of R. Ex. Comp. George J. Bennett, who had for many years discharged with fidelity the duties of Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, I was placed by the Grand

First Principal, September 1st last, in charge of the office. It was necessary at first to find out the prevailing condition of affairs, to not only get into communication with the Grand Superintendents of the Districts, but with the Scribes E. of the subordinate Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction. Consequently the correspondence of the office of the Grand Scribe E. has been exceedingly heavy.

It soon appeared to me many things had to be adjusted, and that owing to the existing conditions, the Royal Craft would not show in membership as large an increase at the close of the year as it had previously, but there is nothing to be ashamed of, when the announcement is made, that the net gain in membership has been 346. It would have been much better, only that a large number of the Chapters took advantage of the depressed state of affairs in the country and suspended a great number of Companions. A larger number than usual of members have also withdrawn from the Chapters.

The future prospects of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction are exceedingly bright, if we judge from the summonses received at the office of the Grand Scribe E. from the subordinate Chapters. The summonses show many applications for exaltations are being received, and if the officers display the necessary energy, in the discharge of their respective duties, and endeavor to maintain a keen interest among the Companions for progressive work in the Chapters during the coming year, then the result must undoubtedly be of a highly satisfactory character.

Regarding the promptness of Scribes E. replying to demands from the office of the Grand Scribe E. since September 1st, 1915, no fault can be found, except in a few instances. No doubt with a little more "persuasive eloquence," in concise and pointed epistles, from the Grand Scribe E.'s office at no distant date promptness will be one of the characteristic features possessed by the majority, if not all, of the Scribes E. of the subordinate Chapters. The Grand Superintendents can also

assist very much, when on their official visitations to the Chapters, by directing the attention of the Scribes E. to being prompt in sending in the interim as well as the Annual Returns of the subordinate Chapters to the office of the Grand Scribe E.

From every part of the Jurisdiction the call to arms has been answered by our Companions, a great number of whom occupy prominent positions in the military forces of our Dominion. More than eight hundred of our Companions have enlisted, the announcement of which should be most gratifying to us. It is said that "great men of the earth are but marking stones on the road of humanity." If this be so, then our Companions who have enlisted, to perform a duty to King and Country, are more than marking stones, for they are fighting for a principle, which it is to be hoped, will leave an indelible mark for ages to come upon the future development of the world.

Last year there was reported one delinquent Chapter, known as Crow's Nest Chapter, No. 137, at Fernie, B.C. It is to be regretted that this Chapter has to be reported again as a delinquent. There is one other Chapter that has not sent in its Annual Return, namely:

Kootenay Chapter, No. 120, at Kaslo, B.C.

It is expected that it will shortly make its Return. Adverse conditions in its locality doubtless prevented it doing so.

From the attached Annual Statement to this report, it will be seen that $7,620.22 has been received from the different Chapters in fees and dues, but as the Treasurer and the Audit and Finance Committee submit reports, to which the auditor has certified, as being in accordance with the books of the office of the Grand Scribe E., I am not embodying in this report the receipts and disbursements, as that would only be a duplication.

ACTIVE CHAPTERS.

Following is a list of the Chapters reporting 15 or more exaltations during the year:

Cobalt, U.D., Cobalt, 56; Ark, No. 80, Windsor, 42; Antiquity, No. 91, Toronto, 34; Norwood, U.D., Edmonton, 32; Wellington, No. 47, Chatham, 28; St. John's, No. 6, Hamilton, 25; St. George's, No. 5, London, 23; Algonquin, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie, and Kelowna, U.D., Kelowna, 22 each; Victoria, U.D., Thornhill, 20; The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton, and Occident, No. 77, Toronto, 19 each; Carleton, No. 16, Ottawa; Erie, No. 73, Ridgetown; Sombra, No. 153, Sombra; and Unity, No. 186, Swift Current, 18 each; Mount Moriah, No. 19, St. Catharines; Fort William, No. 140, Fort William, and Capital City, No. 197, Edmonton, 16 each; Orient, No. 194, Moosomin, 15.

NEW CHAPTERS.

After the last Annual Convocation there were engrossed the authorized warrants, and they were forwarded to the proper officers for the following chartered Chapters: Keystone, No. 196, Red Deer; Capital City, No. 197, Edmonton; Couchiching, No. 198, Orillia; Vermilion, No. 199, Vermilion; Hillvue, No. 200, Hillcrest; Tau Cross, No. 201, Claresholm; Mount Olivet, No. 202, Killam.

The following Alberta Chapters were supplied with duplicate warrants: Alberta, No. 106, Calgary; North Star, No. 118, Edmonton; Bekah, No. 176, Macleod; Otuskwan, No. 179, Calgary.

King George Chapter, at Yorkton, Sask., was continued under dispensation from 1914, and it was not instituted until December 30th, 1915, owing to unavoidable circumstances. The Grand Z. recommends that it remain under dispensation for another year.

Then Assiniboia Chapter, U.D., Assiniboia, Sask. —Nine petitioners: James Bidwell Smith, No. 121; Andrew S. MacDonald, No. 90; James E. McFetridge, No. 170; Reginald William John Phillips, No. 45, G.R.C.; Douglas Allen Ross, No. 7, G.R.N.B.; Roscoe Hiram Pierce, No. 173, G.R., Pa.; Calvin M. Roberts, No. 98, G.R., Ill.; B. R. Kerchen-

becker, No. 62, G. R. Minn.; Charles A. Knudson, No. 22, G.R.S. Dak. This Chapter received its dispensation in 1915, and has not yet been instituted owing to an unfortunate accident to Comp. J. B. Smith, who is to be the First Principal of the Chapter.

In addition to the foregoing Chapters, and which have been regularly instituted, are to be added:

Cobalt Chapter, U.D., Cobalt, Ont.—Twenty-six petitioners: W. E. T. Barton, T. B. Askwith, H. Wallace, Wilfred F. Peterman, James F. Presley, Alexander Stewart, Charles E. Reese, Thomas A. Jeacle, W. H. Smith, W. R. Sullivan, F. K. Grooch, Floyd Weed, F. G. Code, Hart Martin, No. 169; Thomas C. McLaren, R. H. James, D. W. McLeod, No. 103; Frank H. Todd, No. 163; J. W. McKay, No. 24; Elias A. Zakibe, No. 61; John J. Sparling, No. 167; J. H. Black, No. 1; Russell D. Robertson, No. 130; R. S. Code, No. 53, G.R.C.; George A. Smith, No. 19, G.R., Maine; Willard J. Nixon, No. 7, G.R., Idaho.

Norwood Chapter, U.D., Edmonton, Alta.—Sixteen petitioners: Wilbert Edgar Clark, James Elmond Reid, Michael J. Cain, William Chalmers Whitely, John J. Green, Walter Hill, James Grieve, Harry K. Dow, Alfred Russell, Howard S. Empay, William Thompson, Eustace Herbert Cope, John Herman Wilson, No. 197; John A. Neff, No. 41; Robert Moss, No. 118; John H. Morrison, No. 166, G.R.C.

Victoria Chapter, U.D., Thornhill, Ont.—Fifteen petitioners: Edgar Augustus James, James Bryson McLean, William Riddell, Joseph Edward Francis, William Arthur Dean, George Herbert Hooper, Robert S. Thompson, Everett S. Cox, Norman McLeod Birrell, Walter E. Hopkings, No. 62; Ambrose L. Phipps, No. 47; George Topper, Charles Tait Stephenson, Henry Crook Bailey, No. 60, G.R.C.; John Scott, No. 264, G.R.S.

Kelowna Chapter, U.D., Kelowna, B.C.—Twenty-two petitioners: Elisha Rezeau Bailey, Simon Tackett Elliott, Sidney C. Cosens, Ernest Wm. Wilkinson, Percy Thomas

Dunn, Daniel W. Sutherland, F. R. E. DeHart, William John Knox, Henry H. Millie, Henry Birkett Burtch, John Ford Burne, Robert A. Copeland, Benjamin F. Boyce, No. 157; George Howard Dunn, No. 122; Rev. Alexander Dunn, No. 137; Samuel Henry Green, No. 128; Charles Wm. Dickson, No. 1; Angus George McGregor, No. 102; Jarvis W. Currie, No. 52; Samuel Gray, No. 106, G.R.C.; H. F. Rees, No. 10, G.R.N.S.; A. R. Drysdale, No. 2, G.R., Que.

BY-LAWS.

By-laws have been presented to the M. E. the Grand Z. and approved for the following Chapters:

Huron, No. 30; Willson, No. 64; Shekinah, No. 138; Laurentian, No. 151; Moose Mountain, No. 166; Keystone, No. 196; Capital City, No. 197; Couchiching, No. 198; Vermilion, No. 199; Tau Cross, No. 201.

Amendments to by-laws have also been submitted and approved as follows:

St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4; St. John's, No. 6; King Solomon's, No. 8; Carleton, No. 16; Manitou, No. 27; Shuniah, No. 82; Fort William, No. 140; The St. Patrick, No. 145, Shekinah, No. 158; The Beaches, No. 163; Toronto, No. 185; Connaught, No. 187; Orient, No. 194.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters, Warranted	174	
Number of Chapters, U.D.	2	
	176	
Number of Members, December 31st, 1914..		18,833
Number of Registrations, December 31st, 1915	1,150	
Number of Joinings, December 31st, 1915..	130	
Number of Restorations, December 31st, 1915	63	
		1,343

Number of Withdrawals, December 31st, 1915	380		
Number of Suspensions, December 31st, 1915	399		
Number of Deaths, December 31st, 1915....	218		
		997	
Net Gain			346
Total Membership, December 31st, 1915			19,179

By Provinces.	Net Additions.	Net Removals.
Saskatchewan	74	74
Alberta	135	25
Manitoba	16	10
British Columbia	40	56
Ontario	505	259
	770	424
Net Gain		346

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP BY PROVINCES.

Saskatchewan	1,443
Alberta	910
Manitoba	1,280
British Columbia	1,555
Ontario	13,991
Total Membership, 31st December, 1915	19,179

ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR 1st FEBRUARY, 1915, TO 31st JANUARY, 1916

FEES AND DUES FROM CHAPTERS.

1	Ant. Frontenac and Cataraqui...	$ 58.80
2	The Hiram.	132.85
3	St. John's.	116.65
4	St. Andrew and St. John.	50.00
5	St. George's.....	135.90
6	St. John's.	141.75
7	The Moira.....	43.25
8	King Solomon's ..	77.75
15	Wawanosh.....	108.55
16	Carleton.....	121.80
18	Oxford.....	34.50
19	Mount Moriah....	79.65
20	Mt. Horeb.....	152.70
22	Grenville.....	14.25
23	Ezra.....	55.00
24	Tecumseh.	63.25
26	St. Mark's.....	30.00
27	Manitou..... ..	62.55
28	Pentalpha.....	27.65
29	McCallum	28.90
30	Huron.....	33.75
31	Prince Edward...	48.75
32	Waterloo.....	37.50
34	Signet.....	43.40
36	Corinthian.....	52.75
37	Victoria.....	38.75
40	Guelph.....	40.60
41	Harris.	31.65
44	Mt. Sinai.....	23.50
45	Excelsior.....	23.95
46	St. James	34.75
47	Wellington.	125.25
48	St. John's.	24.95
52	Prince Rupert ...	115.65
53	Bruce.....	40.45
54	Palestine.....	93.95
55	Niagara.....	11.25
56	Georgian	51.05
57	King Hiram.	23.00
58	Pembroke.....	16.90
59	Sussex	53.00
60	Doric	25.65
61	Granite	28.25
62	York.....	24.40
63	Havelock.....	27.25
64	Willson.....	50.25
65	St. Paul's.....	$ 54.75
66	The Malloch....	22.15
67	Enterprise.....	39.90
68	Maitland.....	10.00
70	Grand River....	21.25
71	Prince of Wales.	48.25
72	Keystone.....	29.75
73	Erie.	61.40
74	Beaver.....	22.00
75	St. Clair.....	23.75
76	Mt. Nebo.....	62.70
77	Occident.	137.50
78	Minnewawa.....	29.00
79	Orient.	67.00
80	Ark.....	184.25
81	Aylmer.....	32.75
82	Shuniah.	45.65
83	Ionic.....	33.45
84	Lebanon.	18.50
86	Macpherson.....	16.75
88	MacNabb.....	30.45
90	Golden.....	92.55
91	Antiquity.	119.40
94	Midland.....	30.65
95	Tuscan.....	4.25
98	Vancouver.....	68.00
99	Keystone.....	29.75
100	St. Lawrence....	36.25
101	Corinthian.....	32.25
102	Algonquin.....	119.25
103	St. John's.	47.75
104	White Oak.	25.15
106	Alberta.	24.40
110	Warkworth.....	13.50
112	St. John's	20.00
113	Covenant.....	39.25
114	Bonnechere.....	24.90
115	Brant.....	26.40
116	Maple.....	15.75
117	Berlin.....	31.70
118	North Star	5.50
119	King Cyrus.....	36.25
121	Wascana.....	86.90
122	Rossland.....	36.00
123	Nelson.....	31.00
124	Westminster	46.50
125	Rocky Mountain	34.75
126	Assiniboia.....	38.75

127	Keystone	$ 29.25
128	Revelstoke	21.00
129	Elliot	13.00
130	Chantry	21.65
131	Amabel	13.50
132	Leeds	28.00
133	St. Francis	21.50
134	King Darius	13.40
135	Succoth	21.30
136	King Edward	67.85
138	Shekinah	54.75
139	St. Andrew's	21.00
140	Fort William	83.10
141	Keystone	39.75
142	Cyrus	12.60
143	Glengarry	15.25
144	Presqu' Isle	13.25
145	The St. Patrick	144.00
146	Bernard	12.00
147	Lucknow	7.90
148	St. John's	9.25
149	Atwood	17.75
150	London	72.75
151	Laurentian	67.50
152	Alberton	39.10
153	Sombra	72.50
154	Klondike	17.75
155	Ancaster	34.25
156	Avondale	50.25
157	Okanagan	14.75
158	Shekinah	27.75
159	Golden West	25.00
160	Prince Albert	26.25
161	Madoc	27.35
162	Moose Jaw	76.50
163	The Beaches	30.00
164	Lorne	17.50
165	Saskatoon	86.05
166	Moose Mountain	34.25
167	Kichikewana	$ 37.15
168	Ionic	31.95
169	Temiskaming	62.00
173	Weyburn	16.75
174	Boundary	10.75
175	The Hamilton	26.30
176	Bekah	41.70
177	Kether	10.50
178	Kaien	33.65
179	Otuskwan	34.50
180	Estevan	33.50
181	Battleford	46.15
182	Camosun	57.75
183	Mount Sinai	22.10
184	Hugh Murray	21.50
185	Toronto	65.05
186	Unity	60.60
187	Connaught	15.52
190	Pacific	30.75
191	North Vancouver	21.50
192	Trinity	70.45
193	Govan	29.00
194	Orient	38.00
196	Keystone	35.65
197	Capital City	112.45
198	Couchiching	43.50
199	Vermilion	30.15
200	Hillvue	27.00
201	Tau Cross	35.00
202	Mount Olivet	35.10
203	Cobalt	77.15
204	Norwood	95.00
205	Victoria	36.20
206	Kelowna	41.00
U.D.	Assiniboia	29.00
	Humboldt	35.00
	Extra Sundries	6.00
		$7,620.22

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY T. SMITH,

Acting Grand Scribe E.

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

1st February, 1915, to 31st January, 1916.

Received by Grand Scribe E. on account of Dues, Fees, etc., from Chapters..	$ 7,620.22	Accounts Paid	$ 7,669.71
Interest on Investments (net).....	1,420.44	Benevolent Cheques..	1,680.00
	$ 9,040.66	Special Benevolent Grants	3,000.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income..	3,309.05		
	$12,349.71		$12,349.71

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Investments, 31st Jan., 1915, as per last account	$31,304.54	Debenture, village of Weston, matured...	$ 432.23
Industrial School Bonds, $17,000, cost	16,352.30	Industrial School Debentures, matured..	17,000.00
Canadian War Loan, $1,200, cost.....	1,173.00	Investments, 31st Jan., 1916, as per list....	31,397.61
	$48,829.84		$48,829.84

31st January, 1915, Capital:-

Bank of Commerce.....	$ 7,775.09	
Incidentals Account, Overspent.....	25.77	
	$ 7,749.32	
Investments	31,304.54	39,053.86

31st January, 1916, Capital:

Bank of Commerce.....	4,353.86	
Incidentals Account, Overspent.....	6.66	
	4,347.20	
Investments, per attached list.....	31,397.61	35,744.81
Reduction of Capital, as above.....		$ 3,309.05

INVESTMENTS HELD, 31st JANUARY, 1916.

$16,352.30	Cost of $17,000 Industrial School Debentures, 5 per cent. interest.
3,000.00	Mercantile Trust Company, Guaranteed Investment Receipt, bearing 5 per cent. interest.
2,000.00	Toronto General Trusts, due 1st January, 1919, interest 5 per cent.
2,500.00	Toronto General Trusts, due 1st January, 1918, interest 4¾ per cent.
2,521.00	City of Stratford Debentures, due 1st January, 1927, interest 4 per cent.
2,659.75	Town of Oshawa, $1,300.61, due 1st December, 1921; $1,359.14, due 1st December, 1922.
1,191.56	Village of Weston, $578.43, due 1st October, 1920; $613.13, due 1st October, 1921.
1,173.00	Cost of $1,200.00 Canadian War Loan, interest 5 per cent.
$31,397.61	

Memorandum.—During the past year the rate of interest earned was 4.54 per cent.; during the coming year it will be over 5 per cent.

GEORGE MOORE,
Grand Treasurer.

VIGEON & COMPANY,
Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved,—That the statements of the Acting Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer for, the year 1915, be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit, and to report thereon at the present Convocation.

BENEVOLENCE.

To the M. E. the Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee on Benevolence have examined the applications presented to them, and respectfully recommend that the following grants be made:

Chapter	No.	1. Comp. E. H. B.	$ 60.00
"	"	3. Widow of J. W. W.	70.00
"	"	3. Widow of B. C. T.	50.00
"	"	3. Comp. J. J. H.	100.00
"	"	6. Widow of J. T. H.	50.00
"	"	6. Widow of A. H. M.	50.00
"	"	8. Widow of D. C.	130.00
"	"	28. Comp C. W. S.	100.00
"	"	30. Comp. R. R.	50.00
"	"	37. Widow of W. B. W.	60.00
"	"	44. Widow of H. R.	50.00
"	"	52. Widow of J. O'C.	80.00
"	"	54. Mother of T. H. L.	50.00
"	"	59. Daughter of W. B. S.	50.00
"	"	62. Widow of H. J. S.	50.00
"	"	63. Widow of P. F.	50.00
"	"	63. Widow of E. G. A.	50.00
"	"	72. Widow of J. E. H.	50.00
"	"	72. Children of J. E. H.	60.00
"	"	76. Widow of C. K.	60.00
"	"	76. Widow of R. H. W.	60.00
"	"	77. Widow of H. St. V. J.	50.00
"	"	77. Widow of W. P.	50.00
"	"	125. Widow of A. B. G.	100.00
"	"	136. Widow of J. H. H. F.	100.00
"	"	145. Widow of J. L. R.	50.00
"	"	145. Widow of R. A. M.	50.00
"	"	145. Comp. W. J. K.	100.00
			$1,830.00

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee,

J. Ross Robertson,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

WARRANTS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

COMPANIONS,—Your Committee on Warrants beg to report as follows:

Respecting King George Chapter, at Yorkton, Sask., which was referred to in last year's report, owing to some unavoidable cause, it was not instituted until December 30th, 1915.

Cobalt Chapter, at Cobalt, Ont., had an auspicious beginning with twenty-six petitioners. It has added during the year forty members, now having a membership of sixty-six. The Grand Superintendent reports that the books, paraphernalia, and Chapter room, as well as the work done by the Officers of the Chapter, are excellent.

Norwood Chapter, at Edmonton, Alta., was instituted with sixteen petitioners. The Grand Superintendent reports everything in excellent condition. During the year sixteen have been added to the membership, thus making it thirty-two.

Victoria Chapter, at Thornhill, Ont., was instituted in May last with fifteen petitioners. The Grand Superintendent states he found the books and everything pertaining to the Chapter in a highly satisfactory condition. The total membership of the Chapter now is twenty-one.

Kelowna Chapter, at Kelowna, B.C., had twenty-two petitioners when it was instituted. The books of this Chapter, and everything pretaining to it, were found to be, by the Grand Superintendent, in excellent shape, and its future prospects good.

Assiniboia Chapter, at Assiniboia, Sask., applied for a dispensation with nine petitioners. Owing to an unfortunate accident to the Companion who was to be the First Principal, the Chapter has not been instituted, so that the granting of the warrant will have to be laid over for another year.

A number of Companions at Humboldt, Sask., contemplate the institution of a Chapter there, and negotiations are now pending for the issuing of a dispensation.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that warrants be granted to the following Chapters:

Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, Cobalt, Ont.
Norwood Chapter, No. 204, Edmonton, Alta.
Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill, Ont.
Kelowna Chapter, No. 206, Kelowna, B.C.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

O. Ellwood,
Chairman of Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Companions,—On Audit and Finance your Committee submits the following statement of the receipts and disbursements for the past year, certified to by the Auditors, Vigeon & Co., Chartered Accountants:

SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1916.

Balance, 31st January, 1915, as per last Account:		
At Bank of Commerce	$7,775.09	
Less due Grand Scribe E.	25.77	
		$7,749.32
Receipts during the year:		
Certificates	$1,083.00	
Dues	4,834.95	
Fees	1,090.25	
Dispensations	48.00	
Warrants	205.00	
Constitutions	159.35	
Sundries	199.67	
		7,620.22

Investment Account:		
Interest received (net)	$ 1,420.44	
Industrial School, debentures matured	17,000.00	
Village of Weston, debentures matured	432.23	
		18,852.67
		$34,222.21
Disbursements:		
Benevolent grants	$1,680.00	
Canadian Patriotic Fund	1,000.00	
Canadian Red Cross Society	1,000.00	
Belgian Relief Fund	1,000.00	
		$4,680.00
Salaries	$3,862.49	
Foreign Correspondence Report	200.00	
Office Rent and Telephone	566.00	
Premium of Guarantee Bond	10.00	
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses	110.00	
Printing, Engrossing Warrants, Sundries	1,723.32	
Auditing, Vigeon & Co	150.00	
Funeral Wreaths, etc	50.00	
Expenses, Grand Z., 1914	70.86	
Expenses, Grand Z., 1915	300.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	
Past Grand Z. Testimonial	300.00	
Rent of Safety Box and Insurance	8.00	
Repairing Regalia	36.00	
		7,436.67
Grand Scribe E., Office Incidentals		233.04
Investment Account:		
Industrial School $17,000 5 per cent. Debentures, bought for	$16,352.30	
Canada War Loan, 5 per cent., $1,200.00	1,173.00	
		17,525.30
		29,875.01
Balance, 31st January, 1916:		
At Bank of Commerce	$ 4,353.86	
Less due Grand Scribe E.	6.66	
		4,347.20
		$34,222.21

We have maintained a running audit during the year, and have examined the Books, Accounts, and Vouchers of the Grand Chapter. We certify that we have found them in order, and that the above is a correct summary of the Accounts. We also certify that we have verified the securities, the property of Grand Chapter, and that they are of a total of (cost) value of $31,397.61, and face value of $32,072.31

VIGEON & COMPANY,
Toronto, 10th February, 1916. Chartered Accountants.

Your Committee recommends the following appropriations:

Benevolence Grants	$1,830.00
Foreign Correspondence Committee	200.00
Incidentals—Postage, etc., Advance, 1916	300.00
Office Assistance	650.00
Auditors' Fee, 1915	150.00
Catering, Grand Chapter	100.00
Salary, Grand Scribe E	1,800.00
Superannuation Allowance, G. J. Bennett	1,000.00

Your Committee further recommends the following:

1st—That a sub-committee be formed, to be known as the Printing Committee, to have charge of all printing and supplies.

2nd—That an inventory of all supplies, together with the regalia, jewels and furniture belonging to this Grand Chapter be taken at the end of each financial year, in order to determine the proper assets of Grand Chapter.

3rd—That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to have the books of record re-covered, in order to preserve them in good order.

4th—That the Grand Scribe E. be requested to devise a system of loose leaf records to take the place of the present system of records and to report at next Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee notes with pleasure that this Grand Chapter has been able to contribute the $3,000 for patriotic purposes authorized at the Grand Chapter Convocation held in London last year; also that $1,200 has been invested in the Canada War Loan, and that continued prosperity prevails throughout the jurisdiction of the Royal Craft.

Everything has been found to be in a highly satisfactory condition in connection with the office of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

R. H. Spencer,
Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry have through death lost the counsel and co-operation of one of their members, V. Ex. Comp. J. E. Merriman, whose earnest personality will long be regretfully missed among us. We here record also our deep sense of loss—affecting as it does the whole Craft—which we have sustained in the sudden death "in harness" of our Grand Third Principal, R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White, who for so many years so ably presided over this Standing Committee. His manifold Masonic activities were manifested to the very last, as is attested by the reports of several Grand Superintendents whom he accompanied and aided in their official visits up to a short time before his death.

Other Companions for whom "Last Post" has sounded during the year will be referred to specially in other reports, and the passing of all of them must affect the Condition of Capitular Masonry which is not a theory or a baseless fabric of a vision, but is a vital living association of human beings, correlated in mutual interest each with the other, and each member a factor in making the Masonry of to-morrow better than that of to-day. Royal Arch Masonry has its traditions and its history, but also its broadening horizon and hope. We inherit the past, we create the future. It is nobler to be an ancestor than a descendant.

Even in a confraternity that emphasizes the symbolical and mystical, there is a *body* as well as a soul, and material conditions are not negligible factors. Were we not all reasonable optimists, and did we not know that there are realizable prospects before us, and did we not recognize that this wonderful critical, almost volcanic struggle, and this tense international tug-of-war necessitates that every one of us should take hold of the rope

and exert every ounce of strength, every foot of fortitude, we might be discouraged by the quantitative returns of the Districts. But the quality holds good, thank God, and to the question: "Watchman, what of the night?" comes back the reassuring answer: "All's well, all's well."

With the one "rift in the lute" known to all of us—the one Albertan defection or disaffection—it may truly and triumphantly be said, as the Poet Laureate of Masonry puts it:

> "From East to West the tested chain holds fast,
> The well-forged links ring true."

That in these years of storm and stress for our great Arch of Empire—an Arch that never sleeps—there should be one disintegrating element—one course of conduct, foreign to perfect courtesy and loyalty to the mother—gives us genuine grief, almost indignant sorrow, when we think of those responsible, and we feel sure that it is the earnest desire and prayer of every Royal Arch Companion, that the lines of cleavage (in which our enemies rejoice) may be converged and then deleted, and that the lines of communication may, with proper regard for the dignity and self-respect of all and of this Grand Chapter in particular, be re-established. If there is the underlying *will,* the will to be one—then the way will be opened up, and at a time when the unity of the community is essential, let it be recognized that the unity of this great companionship is *more* essential, and that anyone who short circuits the great electric current which unites and vitalizes us will not be neutral in this testing time of trial, but will be guilty of a distinctly unfriendly act. Let us extend the right hand while we still can feel the grip, and let it be answered by our warmhearted but sometimes impulsive Western Brethren, and then after peace crowns victory in the greatest of all issues, let us in the proper way take counsel together, and see how generously and warmly the Mother Grand Chapter will respond to any united appeal of her sons, from whatever province the call of progressive aspirations may

come. Meanwhile we are Brethren, not bondsmen—and like our common country, we are

> A land of settled government,
> A land of just and old renown,
> Where freedom slowly broadens down
> From precedent to precedent.

Come back to the fold. This is no time for the sheep to be wandering. Mark well, there may be foes abroad. Our common and subtle enemy would glory in any partial rift, or if we should be even in one little spot

> "By schisms rent asunder
> By heresies distrest."

Last year we had 171 Constituent Chapters.
This year we have 176.
Last year our net gain in membership was 550.
This year it is 346. Number of members, 19,179.

Last year our invested and cash assets and funds amounted to		$39,053.00
This year to		35,744.81
Last year Grand Chapter expended on Benevolence	$1,880.00	
The Constituent Chapters	6,400.00	
Total		8,280.00
This year Grand Chapter's benevolent expenditure was	$1,680.00	
Constituent Chapters	5,580.00	
Total		$7,260.00

Grants of $3,000 were also made to Red Cross and Patriotic Funds.

Is this sum annually paid out for benevolent purposes commensurate with our ability—our great extent of territory—our numerical strength? Do we all pray:

> "Help me to need no aid from men
> That I may help such men as need."

For purposes of present and future reference it may be interesting and useful to tabulate the contributions of the Constituent Chapters for benevolent purposes—remembering always that the amount in dollars is not always the denomination of Masonic value.

> It is not what we give but what we share,
> For the gift without the giver is bare.

BENEVOLENCE, 1915.

St. Clair District, No. 1	$ 245.00
London District, No. 2	463.60
Wilson District, No. 3	152.50
Wellington District, No. 4	100.00
Hamilton District, No. 5	230.75
Huron District, No. 6	262.50
Niagara District, No. 7	305.00
Toronto District, No. 8	521.00
Georgian District, No. 9	190.00
Ontario District, No. 10	225.00
Prince Edward District, No. 11	135.00
St. Lawrence District, No. 12	295.00
Ottawa District, No. 13	240.00
Algoma District, No. 14	167.00
Manitoba District, No. 15	292.00
Manitoba West District, No. 15a	200.00
British Columbia District, No. 16	545.00
Alberta District, No. 17	75.00
Alberta South District, No. 17a	100.00
Kootenay District, No. 18	93.00
Yale Columbia District, No. 18a	45.00
Saskatchewan West District, No. 19b	250.00
Saskatchewan East District, No. 19c	100.00
New Ontario District, No. 20	319.00
Klondike Chapter	25.00
	$5,579.35

Whatever has been our philanthropic record in the past, the future will have constantly increasing and imminent claims upon us. The wounded and disabled are the honored creditors of the nation. In a double sense our wounded Companions will be our creditors, and the families of those who in this world vortex have died and will die—and not in vain—somewhere in France—somewhere in Flanders—for honor and Empire, for altars and firesides, will be a sacred charge. We must husband and increase our resources, and that can only be done by increasing our membership, and by more diffusive and spontaneous giving. Royal Arch Masonry, like life, is not a goblet to be drained, but a measure to be filled, and at the same time our duty is not pouring water into a

cistern, but opening up a spring. And how many artesian wells of practical philanthropy have been touched into life during these latter days in which we have realized the full responsibility of citizenship, the summons, with the triple tau marked on it, to service and sacrifice. We have only to read the Honor Rolls of Companions absent at the front which some Chapters print (and all Chapters ought to print) on each Summons—we have only to read the reports of Grand Superintendents of all districts to recognize how Royal Arch Masonry is intimately blended with all our affairs, human and divine, and how the great problems and need of the future will vitally affect us—if we are to be the bulwark of strength and confidence to our brethren that they are to us. We rely upon them and know that our homes are safe, our destiny assured, in their heroic hands. See to it that they can rely upon us—if nobly fighting they nobly fall. Royal Arch Masons have learned already that only those who reverence life can nobly lay it down. They have Immortality. We are the transients. But here and now we transients have duties, and new occasions should teach new duties, as well as teach us to perform old duties more efficiently and cheerfully. Are we doing ours? It is by some considered a delicate subject, but no report on the Condition of Masonry can be of any value unless it is frank as well as fraternal. What about our arrears of dues? No illustration (though it is a negative one) could better bring home the importance and responsibility of *the unit* in the orbit—of the individual man and private Chapter (so called) than the startling fact that together our arrears of dues as given in the Statistical Returns of the Grand Superintendents amount to the appalling total of $28,366.00. Let us pause and think of what that sum released for active use would mean and accomplish. It is worse than a buried talent, it is a reproach. But it is also a challenge, and your Committee have such faith in Capitular Masonry that we believe this is the last time attention will have to be called to this wastage of potentialities. We are all guilty. Amiability in some officers is disability. Let us together rally and throw out the life line, for some one is drifting away.

By Districts the arrears are as follows:

ARREARS OF DUES—By Districts.

District No. 1	$ 1,350.00
District No. 2	1,600.00
District No. 3	520.00
District No. 4	335.00
District No. 5	680.00
District No. 6	1,100.00
District No. 7	1,000.00
District No. 8	2,719.00
District No. 9	1,331.00
District No. 10	870.00
District No. 11	1,062.00
District No. 12	757.00
District No. 13	1,214.00
District No. 14	938.00
District No. 15	3,262.00
District No. 15a	1,352.00
District No. 16	1,869.00
District No. 17	655.00
District No. 17a	740.00
District No. 18	409.00
District No. 18a	571.00
District No. 19a	1,092.00
District No. 19b	697.00
District No. 19c	1,186.00
District No. 20	946.00
Yukon	111.00
Total	$28,366.00

Grand Chapter will, of course, realize that this fiscal default (unfortunate as it is) is not entirely due to deliberate delinquency, that there are exceptional circumstances, such as (1) the financial stringency in the North-west Provinces (now happily passing under the sunlight of productive prosperity); (2) the comparatively little urgent need that Chapters have had for current cash capital heretofore; (3) the numerous cognate calls that have been made on the Companions for that noblest of all humane objects, the Red Cross (with which R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan has been so honorably identified); (4) the many claims of the Mother Craft Lodges for similar and patriotic purposes (for the best and truest Royal Arch Masons are loyal to their Mother Lodge—and loyalty is love in action) and (5) the absence over-

seas and in khaki of so many Companions who have responded to the roll of the drum, and who have passed under the living arch of discipline and preparation and vigil—an arch whose spans are made of the joined hands of comrades—companions who have heard the command of Solomon to the Iron Master—*lay these links upon the anvil:*

> The ageless forces do not cease
> To mould us as of yore,
> The chiselling of the Arts of Peace
> The anvil strokes of War.

The dues of such men should not be remitted, but should be paid by some Companion unknown to the recipient—anticipating the need as exemplified in one of our beautiful degrees. This is one of the least tributes by which we can commemorate the valor of those worthy Masons.

Royal Arch Masonry is not sentimental unity alone, but is the *activity* of closely united men, who ought to be master builders and bridge builders constantly working on the edifices of their Chapters and adding thereto the many Master Masons to whom this Supreme degree of excellency should not be a thing apart, but the last of the degrees of ancient Craft Masonry, a fulfilment of a promise—the real for the substituted, not a story half told, but the fullness of Masonic Light. Invite them to come and share an angle of our triangle—a touch with our centre. Let it be said of us: "We drew a circle that took them in," the motto of "The Builder," the great encourager of research and progress.

Your Committee note with pleasure the increased and very satisfying attention which is being given to Capitular Masonry by the Canadian Masonic Press, in the good, forward, educative work which every earnest Companion should share by participating study.

The Grand Superintendents—steadfast and zealous in their labor of fraternal love—have had a specially trying year. Their honors have been onerous. Their offices are not sinecures. They have been faithful and fruitful. Three of them have rallied to the colors as leaders of men. The Chapter and Lodge should be the mother and

matrix of men. The Grand Superintendents have everywhere been received with consideration—with warm hospitality, and with the teachable spirit, for the Companions who are devoted to their Chapters are ever eager to acquire, and to *assimilate* knowledge, to do their work and to foster the thought side of Masonry in this the intellectual degree which deals with the weightier matters of the perfect law of liberty, and which properly interpreted is an adequate and articulate philosophy of life. The Grand Superintendents have exemplified this feature, and while on many occasions they report no degrees conferred, yet there were no hours which were not filled with interest, wherever three, in peace, love and unity did meet and agree, to keep the fire kindled at the altars, and brotherhood and altruism in the hearts.

Twelve Chapters of Instruction were successfully held, in:

St. Clair District, No. 1.
Wellington District, No. 2.
Niagara District, No. 7.
Toronto District, No. 8.
Ontario District, No. 10.
St. Lawrence District, No. 12.
Ottawa District, No. 13 (twice).
Manitoba District, No. 15.
Alberta N. District, No. 17.
Saskatchewan District, No. 19b.
Saskatchewan E. District, No. 19c.

In other districts visiting by Chapters was encouraged with interchange of work.

At all those Chapters of Instruction held in Ontario the Grand First Principal was present, as well as at many other Convocations (especially a notable one in Kingston, which was almost historic in its association with the Grand East). It has been a satisfying and gratifying feature and encouragement of the Grand Superintendents' arduous work, that they represented the genial personality as well as the dignified office of the Grand Z.—everywhere he has made himself the friend of the Companions —firm in decision and gentle in touch. Your Committee

echo the earnestly expressed wish of the Grand Superintendents of the West that he and other present and past Grand Chapter officers may be able during the present year to visit them officially and to make more tangible and close their present relationship to Grand Chapter, for the meeting of which just once in the West, one Grand Superintendent earnestly petitions.

> There is neither East nor West,
> Border nor breed nor birth,
> When good strong men come face to face,
> Tho' they come from the ends of the earth.

Surely, if anywhere, good strong men, fit to cope with the present, or any crisis, can be found in the ranks of Capitular Masonry.

Some of the Districts need adjustment—there is a want of proportionate equation—both as to size and numbers, such as Prince Edward and Ontario Districts, for instance. And it is a question if Toronto should not be divided into two Districts, so active and progressive are the Chapters in this great centre of recruiting for the Royal King and for the Royal Arch. Not that the present Grand Superintendent has not done full justice to the District, but it is not fair to ask any one man to devote so much vital energy to such absorbing work as he has done.

Outside Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa, with a few notable exceptions, where there are devoted workers with the missionary spirit, the great problem is how to increase the average attendance of members. By consulting the statistical statements it will be seen that the average attendance is not more than one-fifth of the membership. What is the remedy? In the first place the officers' duties are not confined to the Chapter room. The mother must reach out to the sons, as well as the sons to the mother. Get out after your members, and by loyal suasion compel them to come in. Come in pairs, never alone. And then give them something worth coming for. A Chapter should be a reservoir of power and of enjoyment. Let there be no dull moments, no gaps, no cool, smouldering embers. Use the living material waiting to

be touched into action, develop latent talent, circulate ideas. Let there be co-ordination and co-operation, and above all, preparedness. Let every officer ask himself: "Am I duly and properly prepared?" If there are no degrees to be conferred, still be prepared. In this year of years you can never lack substantive matter, where there is the will to work. As Browning says: *"Get thy tools ready—God will find the work."* Many of our brethren at the front have thought of their home Chapters as they used their working trenching tools and descended into the aperture of the vaulted chamber of the dugout where they found the secret of safety with Mother Earth. Spend a profitable quarter of an hour with *that* theme!

City Chapters should share with country Chapters their superabundance of talent, of bright thoughts, of music, of university learning; "To do good and to *communicate* forget not."

Just to show to the Companions what manner of men are the Grand Superintendents, whose duty it has been to carry the messages and commands of the Grand Principals to the twenty-five Districts which compose this jurisdiction—to propagate and diffuse the light of Masonic understanding, we quote some extracts from the reports—all of which are commended to the perusal of the Companions of the 176 Chapters, together with the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and the Annual Proceedings, which should always be accessible to all members. It will be noted that there are many sympathetic references to the illness of the veteran Grand Scribe E. George J. Bennett, who is known the world over, and also many appreciative references to the good work done by the Acting Grand Scribe E., Henry T. Smith. Several of the Superintendents' reports are models of comprehensiveness, full of suggestions, and nearly all show contact with contagious enthusiasm. More and more we realize that men of dramatic feeling and of thoughtful study are needed to interpret the symbolical and mystical lectures of this Supreme Degree, as well as to guide the

administration of the Chapters. The church militant should abound in Chapter work. Note the following wise observations:

"Harmony and the consciousness of the strong bonds of fraternal good fellowship are found to characterize not only the internal relations among the Companions of the several Chapters, but also the connection and intercourse existing between the Chapters themselves."

"The Companions individually and collectively are loyal to the Grand Chapter, and on the occasion of each visit have received the Grand Superintendent with the courtesy, decorum and respect due him as its representative."

"The regard and respect shown by Companions for any of the holders of the Grand offices measure pretty accurately, the standard they set for their own conduct during their occupancy of any of these offices, on the road to which they may be consciously travelling or which, they feel, may be sometime thrust upon them to fill."

"Accepting this as axiomatic, it can safely be predicted that any of the Companions who may be called upon to undertake the responsibilities of any office, either in subordinate or Grand Chapter will discharge the functions of that office with all due dignity and decorum."

"I am able to say that the officers in all the Chapters in this district are animated by the proper spirit, that they are duly impressed with the importance of their offices and the responsibilities devolving upon them, and that they are a body of men fully competent to render their respective parts of the various ceremonies with accuracy, intelligence and in a manner duly impressive."

"One degree at least was conferred at each Chapter, well and impressively done by enthusiastic and capable officers."

"The conferring of degrees is a redeeming feature.

"Harmony prevails.

"A gratifying feature, attendance of Past Grand Superintendents."

"Everywhere received with loyalty and cordiality.

"Spirit of patriotism and prosperity prevailing, and reasonable progress made."

"Honored representative in signal manner.

"Absence of officers handicapped progress, yet the absent are showing devotion by enlisting for overseas duty.

"Past Principals loyally filling vacancies."

"In spite of unprecedented conditions Chapters made headway.

"Books of Marks throughout the district show distinct improvement over past, thanks to efforts of predecessors, and will show above percentage in most districts.

"Royal Arch Masonry has taken a new lease of life."

"Many young Masons who would have sought advancement are engaged in those larger duties of fighting for their country. Many Chapters publish an Honor List, and many interesting letters are read from Companions at the front.

"I have had also to draw the attention of a number of Chapters to the practice of sending out notices and circulars in unsealed envelopes. I regret to say that my instructions in this respect are not being always obeyed."

"Most Excellent Master's degree a revelation; raised from the commonplace to a new dignity, at (Antiquity) Chapter.

"Officers unremitting in endeavor to reach perfection. Past Principals still, as they should be, keeping in touch with work and rendering 'assistance, light and knowledge.' Splendid material available for the future. Drill and music needed to beautify ceremony."

"Strict adherence to sections of Constitution urged, and specially laid before Chapters. In the season of depression, younger Companions are needed."

"Candidates should memorize lecture in Royal Arch Degree before receiving certificate."

"Great financial depression is passing.

"It is to be expected that the interests of the Companions who have enlisted for service abroad will be properly protected by those at home, for whom they have engaged in the struggle.

"Scribes E. of some Chapters certified that First Principal can work all degrees, when such is not the case. (Now remedied.)"

"Chapters have responded to the call, and sent many of the noblest and best to defend honor of Dominion.

"Book of Marks perfectly kept at Mount Sinai Chapter, Rivers."

"Chapter recovering nicely from the effects of recent trouble, and no doubt will make great step forward during coming year.

"Chapter of Instruction November 26th, representatives from every Chapter in district at Edmonton.

"Grand Superintendent has joined colors."

"Chapters on an even keel, and prospects look brighter.

"We can always depend upon a faithful few."

"Sorry to see Companions leave district on service, yet proud that in hour of need they were not found wanting, and their sacrifice will be ever green in history of their Chapters, and in the hearts of their Companions."

"Chapters of Instruction essential to preserve uniformity, but expenses of officers should be paid on account of great distances."

"Reasonable uniformity prevails..
"Spirit of harmony everywhere apparent.
"Economically and financially fair progress has been made.
"Prospects for future, considering great crisis, encouraging.
"Warned them against permitting uniformity in ceremonies to overshadow real objects.
"Music introduced into ritual.
"Details of history of formation and progress of Chapters urged.
"Books of Marks simply a blank.
"Certain number of Companions in every Chapter most faithful and devoted, so that R. A. M. will emerge from present strain better than ever fitted to carry on the noble work of cultivating the great principles for which it stands among its present adherents and those of the ranks of the tried, true and trusty Master Masons who may in future be admitted within its portals."
"Arrears are in abnormal condition. Trust that the good nature of the officers will no longer permit such imposition on the part of delinquent members."

"Have meetings regularly. Open them punctually, thus creating confidence. Intensify them with lectures on the history and symbolism of the Royal Craft whether there is degree work or not, and introduce something new and interesting every night."

"Push on toward the goal, remembering that after all, more intensive Masonry rather than extensive Masonry will produce the better result. I desire to give you my assurance of the faithful allegiance of the Chapters to the mother body and their sincere good wishes for continued prosperity."

"Klondike Chapter, No. 154.—Largest area under Grand Chapter, yet smallest in point of membership.
"Officers well up to standard. Perfect harmony.
"Companions optimistic, earnest and enthusiastic."

The Royal Arch has a new significance in these times of jeopardy and not inglorious peril. We must be more than ever faithful to the charge to be prudent, discreet and temperate, more than ever must there be constancy and sincerity in our friendships, but we must also remember that while there is a sceptre there is also a sword, the sword of the spirit, the sword of justice—that while there is the blue canopy, the life blood now is purple irradiated

with crimson, and that morality and virtue have been cemented by the keystone of *firmness and stability*.

And to carry out the analogy—for as we have one common task we have one common thought ever dominant in our minds to-day, we who take our bread together, we who are charged by the Omnipotent, we who should raise the standard of chivalrous honor in this hour when the hordes of hate have made of Europe a Chamber of Horrors, we in this waste of war (which is always in one sense the death of life and life of death), we of this Grand Chapter of Canada have a right to a pride in our Canadian soldier sons and gallant brothers taken from the office, the farm, the workshop, the peaceful avocation, the home, for the glory of service. Of them has it not been found true (as in one of our degrees) that it is not the length of time you have been a soldier but the proper use of that time, and the spirit animating the man. Yes, the Canadian soldier Masons came of their own free will and accord, properly clothed in khaki —took the higher obligation of allegiance, received the password of their forefathers, and the countersign. Many of those men were found in the quarries, and from a technical military standpoint may have been neither oblong nor square, yet were designed for some portion of the Imperial Temple, together stood four square to every wind that blew, and on one occasion at least—in those three great days of April which thrilled the Empire, at St. Julien—they saved the situation, and were the keystone of the Arch of Empire.

And these were men whose fathers were men (to use the Oriental phrase), fathers who, we are told, in their days and in the old time before them, had also never budged in the conflict. "Come the three corners of the world in arms and we shall shock them." "Naught shall make us rue if Britain to herself do stand but true." Our men had the Signet of Truth, the faith of *free* men, and free Masons.

> "We must be free or die—
> who speak the tongue that Shakespeare spoke—
> the faith and morals hold that Milton held."

And what of the aftermath—as affecting the Condition of Royal Arch Masonry—a future we have to face how—for it is a fight for freedom against the arrogance of a nation, and the insolence of a despot. If ever the foot of the Hun should rest on the neck of British North America, then the aftermath would mean not a touch of the globe celestial on this our globe terrestrial—not peace but hell to freemen whom the truth makes free—who worship the great Jehovah and not a tribal deity made in the image of a Kaiser or any other mundane creature. And what of the Arch Companions of our enemies? Let us be frank, not hypocrites. *Remembering,* as we do—feeling as we *must*—humanly speaking may it not take a generation before we can heartily exchange the five points of fellowship with those who have made even of Masonry a means of espionage, who have not protested against the inhuman atrocities that have been perpetrated, the violation of the temple of the living God and the violation of the temple of the human body. We should love our enemies—that is men—foemen worthy of our steel—not those who, naked and unashamed, have put themselves beyond the pale—outside the circle, the enemies of humanity, the breakers of the covenants—the debasers of the currency of International Exchange, the nation that has removed its neighbors' landmarks. British chivalry has always been generously ready to recognize the gallantry of a foe, and British Masonry, when Pax Britannica shall have been restored will extend an unmutilated right hand to those, and only those—who purge themselves of the frightfulness for which they have apparently made themselves responsible, and disassociate themselves from and disavow, or if participators, expiate the deeds that have shaken the foundations of civilization and have negatived for the time being the universality of Free Masonry. Fortunately there is an Omniscience and Omnipotence that can work miracles of transformation and even of fusion in our hearts and theirs.

There is no room for neutral lukewarmness in Capitular Masonry where humanity and freedom are involved. "I would that ye were either cold or hot." Indeed be-

yond our jurisdiction a great public man and Brother Mason voiced the feeling of a great people in the republic to the south a few days since—and an eternal truth—when he said, "If the public opinion of the world was to remain silent on that, neutral upon that, then all talk about peace and justice and international law, and the rights of man, the progress of humanity and the spread of liberty is idle patter—mere weak sentimentality."

There is no "spiritual soothing syrup" about that. And there should be none in the words of Royal Arch Masons.

To us brethren of the Mark, the Triangle and of the universal language, the great British Government War Office Mark, the Broad Arrow, the Empire Service Mark, universal also in the realm where the sun is always at its meridian, must be perpetually connected in our minds with our own symbols and with the great object of the Royal Craft, the quest for the River of the Arrow, and this perhaps is nowhere more satisfyingly expressed than in the lines which will come home to all of us who have endeavored to find where truth is hid, as Shakespeare said, "even though it be hid in the centre."

"It is an admirable lot, to learn the cause in the change,
To study the chemistry of Nature, her grand but simple secrets,
To search out all her wonders, to track the resources of her skill,
To note her kind compensations, her unobtrusive *excellence,*
In all it is wise happiness to see the well-ordained laws of Jehovah,
The harmony that filleth all his mind, the justice that tempereth his bounty,
The wonderful all-prevalent analogy that testifieth one Creator,
The broad arrow of the Great King, carved on all the stores of his arsenal."

To all Royal Arch Masons it must have been apparent during the 569 days that the British Empire has been at war how frequently and how reverently the appeal has been made to that great Name of the old dispensation, that great Name which is the pivot of our Constitution and Ritual, and how time and again great gatherings

sometimes led, your Committee is proud to say, by Masonic choirs, have sung that wonderful "Hymn Before Battle":

"E'en now their vanguard gathers,
E'en now we face the fray,
As Thou didst help our fathers
Help Thou our host to-day.
Fulfilled in signs and wonders
In life, in death, made clear,
Jehovah of the thunders,
Lord God of Battles, hear.

And that other wonderful song of triumph and of the foundation of our confidence,

"Jehovah is Himself thy keeper true, thy changeless shade;
Jehovah thy defence on thy right hand, Himself hath made."
He slumbers not nor sleeps.

Yes, we have many things to be thankful for—many Te Deums can be sung.

"We thank Thee, Lord,
For mercies manifold in these dark days:
For Thy deep sounding of the hearts of men;
For Thy close-knitting of the hearts of men;
For all who sprang to answer the great call;
For their endurance under deadly stress;
For all who come back from the Gates of Death;
(From beyond the Veils);
For hope of Righteous and Enduring Peace;
For hope of cleaner earth and closer heaven.
With burdened hearts, but faith unquenchable—
We thank Thee, Lord!"

We can all respond to the glowing words of the Master of Kingsway Lodge, London, who writes wishing the Companions of the household of the faithful in Canada many blessings and happinesses with the removal of many grievous anxieties, and says:

"It is marvellous how millions of people can possibly bear the terrible tension of these months and months of War, but the heroism of men and women everywhere in every walk of life, in the centres of excitement and in the dull duty-routine, of equally necessary background and behind the scenes daily work, is wonderful beyond words. Oh, but these are days! The race has not gone to the dogs—the British branch, most decidedly not. When the

present trouble is over, we Companions shall at least know what a spirit exists, and can be reckoned on and enlisted and encouraged, and applied to the greatest schemes for the good of mankind ever imagined, and never until now dreamed practicable or possible."

After the weltering chaos of war is over, every tie by which man is bound to man the world over, will be needed to hold the race together. And Capitular Masonry is one of those great ties. A twofold cord is strong—a threefold cord is not easily broken—let us lengthen the cords but strengthen the stakes.

And Motherland Companions, we send you the greetings of this Grand Jurisdiction of Canada, a Jurisdiction whose condition is sound to the core, we send it in the words of the Psalmist, "for our Brethren and Companions' sake we wish thee felicity."

And we can send no more noble greeting to the Motherland than the stirring words of Bro. Campbell of Ottawa:

Show the way, Britain—
We are your sons:
Not for your guns:—
But that we love you,
Suckled at the breast of you,
You are our Mother!
We are your sons!
Show the way, England!
And in the fated
Din of the battle,
Stand you alone:
Loyal Canadians
Sons of the sons of you,
Back of the guns of you,
Bone of your bone:—
We will stand four-square,
Rock of the rock of you,
Ribs of the steel of you;—
Darkness or light,
Let the world thunder;—
Ere you go under
We will follow you.
Might of your might!
Not of the alien,
We are Canadian,
Britons, the sons of you.
Brand of your brand.

But while we thus in the conflict "carry on and hand down" and obey the behest "quit you like men," still let us "keep open a window towards the City of Light" and Peace, and may He who can save by many or by few, prosper all this Royal Brotherhood and adorn its members with signal gifts, and grace to serve under the great standards of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Most Mighty, to whom the shields of the earth belong.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM N. PONTON,

Belleville, February 23rd, 1916. *Chairman.*

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton.

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

To the M. Ex. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals desire to report in the matter of Comp. J. C. Richardson, Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie, who was indefinitely suspended from Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie, on June 1st, 1915, for misdemeanour involving moral turpitude.

Your Committee has been furnished with a certificate from the Crown Attorney and Clerk of the Peace, District of Algoma, certifying that Jos. C. Richardson, real estate agent, was formally charged with having on the 2nd day of August, 1913, at the City of Sault Ste. Marie, received the sum of $300.00 on account of a certain mortgage and fraudulently converting it to his own use, and thereby stealing the said $300.00.

The prisoner pleaded guilty and was sentenced on 9th December, 1914, to imprisonment for a term of six years, from November 20th, 1914, which sentence was to run concurrently with sentence on two other indictments for theft by conversion and theft by misappropriation.

By resolution passed at the regular Convocation of Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, held on September 24th, 1915, the Chapter recommended to the Grand Chapter that Companion J. C. Richardson be expelled from membership in accordance with the Constitution.

Your Committee confirms such recommendation, and reports that Companion J. C. Richardson should be summoned to appear before the Executive Committee and Grand Chapter at the next Annual Convocation thereof to show cause why he should not be expelled for his offence.

K. J. DUNSTAN,
Toronto, February 22nd, 1916. *Chairman.*

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand First Principal respectfully report as follows:

The Grand First Principal is to be congratulated on the numerical and financial increase in the jurisdiction during the past year, notwithstanding the strenuous continuance of the war, which has thrown and is throwing such a heavy financial burden on our country and drawing from their daily occupations so many of our citizens and Companions.

In making generous grants for benevolence, patriotic and Red Cross purposes, the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal has exemplified the highest principles of Masonry, and they will meet with the hearty approval of every member of the Royal Craft in every jurisdiction under the British flag.

The dispensations, rulings, and appointments granted and made by the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal cannot reasonably be questioned.

It throws a gloom over us when we find that so many of our distinguished and beloved Companions have been taken from us during the past year, but it is our Masonic duty to submit without murmur to the will of the Most High.

The number of official visits made by the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal shows that he has actively devoted his best energies and is alive to his duty to his Companions in this jurisdiction.

It is gratifying to see that the Grand Superintendents of the various districts also realize their duty and the necessity of holding Chapters of Instruction; this marks progress.

We note that the Grand First Principal has discovered something commendable in the Most Excellent Master degree. We know him to be a man of wide sympathy, inclined to temper justice with mercy, and one who would rather give than receive. In our opinion, the degree should either be eliminated or raised to the high standard of the Mark Master and Royal Arch degrees. But why disturb it while this cruel war is on, and while we have greater troubles engaging our attention? Every Companion realizes that the degree is weak; but, if any revision is attempted, it will be found that it is just as impossible to get Companions to agree as it would be to have two women agree on the same style of bonnet. Should the degree be eliminated or improved, the ruling Grand First Principal would be deprived of the privilege and pleasure of overruling his predecessors, and the Companions as a whole the satisfaction of a grievance.

The unfortunate Alberta trouble should be regarded as past history and a closed incident. It was fully discussed and considered at the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter; and the only policy consistent with Masonic teachings, tenets, and obligations, decided upon, by a resolution of Grand Chapter empowering the M. Ex.

the Grand First Principal to assist in the formation of a Grand Chapter for Alberta when regularly applied for. No such application has been made, and the fact that fifteen Chapters, out of the eighteen in that Province, have paid their proper dues to Grand Chapter, is the best evidence that the majority of Royal Arch Masons in the Province do not wish separation at present; and this Committee confidently asserts that, when such application is made, it will be favorably received and adopted.

The suggestion of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal that a Committee be appointed to consider the advisability of the formation of Provincial Grand Chapters in each of the Western Provinces requires longer and more thoughtful consideration than this Committee has been able to give it, and, before acting in the premises, by taking even the initial step of appointing a committee, it would be well to obtain the opinion of these Western Provinces on the question.

Your Committee wish to add to the numerous expressions of deep sympathy expressed in the other reports and by the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal to our R. Ex. Companion George J. Bennett, this: that his great ability, deep knowledge, and strong character, in addition to the great love for his Masonic brethren with which his Irish heart is filled, will be missed greatly it goes without saying. In filling the vacancy caused by the illness of the R. Ex. Companion, the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal has shown good judgment in choosing R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith. His knowledge and experience are also great and long, and he will, no doubt, live up to his reputation for courtesy and promptness when dealing with his Companions.

Your Committee cannot close this report, M. Ex. Sir, without expressing to you the gratitude of the Companions in this jurisdiction for the services you have so energetically, conscientiously, and ably rendered them during your term of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

FRED W. HARCOURT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s Address be received and adopted.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations were submitted to the M. Ex. the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selections were confirmed:

R. Ex. Comp.	D. R. McDiarmid, Ridgetown	St. Clair	Dist.	No. 1
" "	O. S. Clark, Sarnia.....	London	"	2
" "	F. S. Blain, Brantford.....	Wilson	"	3
" "	Elmer Still, Orangeville.....	Wellington	"	4
" "	James Fleming Mercer, Hamilton	Hamilton	"	5
" "	Dr. W. F. Gallow, Goderich	Huron	"	6
" "	F. W. Swannell, Niagara Falls	Niagara	"	7
" "	J. W. Rogers, Toronto.....	Toronto	"	8
" "	Walter H. Brown, Bracebridge	Georgian	"	9
" "	Dr. J. H. Purdy, Cobourg..	Ontario	"	10
" "	A. H. Watson, Madoc.....	Pr. Edward	"	11
" "	A. L. Stein, Brockville.....	St. Lawrence	"	12
" "	J. C. Scott, Ottawa.....	Ottawa	"	13
" "	E. E. Wood, Fort William..	Algoma	"	14
" "	W. N. Brown, Winnipeg....	Manitoba E.	"	15
" "	W. E. Crawford, Brandon..	Manitoba W.	"	15a
" "	James Irwin, Vancouver....	Br. Columbia	"	16
" "	F. E. Nichol, Killam.....	Alberta N.	"	17a
" "	Rev. George H. Hogbin, Calgary	Alberta Cent.	"	17b
" "	K. D. J. C. Johnson, Lethbridge	Alberta S.	"	17c
" "	A. B. Netherby, Nelson.....	Kootenay	"	18
" "	E. R. Bailey, Kelowna.....	Yale-Col'bia	"	18a
" "	Garnet Coombs, Prince Albert	Saskatch'n N.	"	19a
" "	H. Clarke, Moose Jaw.....	Saskatch'n W.	"	19b
" "	Robert Garvin, Melville....	Saskatch'n E.	"	19c
" "	H. J. McAuslan, North Bay	New Ontario	"	20

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. appointed R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon as Chairman, and the following Companions as scrutineers of the ballot: W. Y. Mills, Kingston; W. R. Bishop, London; J. H. Shaw, Simcoe; W. R. Ledger, Toronto; A. Davis, Toronto; J. T. Lester, Toronto; G. E. Post, Toronto; T. C. Lockwood, Brighton; W. E. Thom, Morrisburg; G. R. Lloyd, Hamilton; R. C. Douglas, Welland, and A. Odell, Hamilton.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

M. Ex. Comp.	Wm. S. R. Murch, Kingston	Grand J.	Grand Council.
R. " "	A. S. Gorrell, M.D., Regina.	Grand Z.	
R. " "	Wm. N. Ponton, K.C., Belleville	Grand H.	
R. " "	Henry T. Smith, Toronto...	Grand Scribe E.	
R. " "	Bernard Cairns, Toronto....	Grand Scribe N.	
R. " "	Wm. Jackson, Kingston....	Grand Prin. Sojourner.	
M. " "	George Moore, Hamilton...	Grand Treasurer.	
R " "	John B. Brennan, Toronto...	Grand Registrar.	
" "	J. M. Pritchard, Toronto...	Grand Janitor.	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following Companions were elected by the Grand Chapter as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

R. Ex. Comp.	R. H. Spencer.....	Trenton
" "	K. J. Dunstan.....	Toronto
" "	O. Ellwood.....	London
" "	D. H. McIntosh, M.D.....	Carleton Place
" "	J. McC. Potts, M.D.....	Stirling

TORONTO NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The Cities of Toronto, Hamilton and Winnipeg having been put in nomination for the next Annual Convocation in February, 1917, and being put to the ballot, the result showed that Toronto had received the highest number of votes, and that city was declared to be the choice of Grand Chapter.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

M. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson's term as a member of the Committee on Benevolence having expired, on motion of M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, it was resolved that M. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson be re-elected for a further term of three years.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms:

R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon retires in 1917.
M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw retires in 1918.
M. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson retires in 1919.

RANK OF "RIGHT EXCELLENT.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and

Resolved,—That under the heading "The Grand Superintendents of Districts" (pages 17 and 18 of Constitution) there be added, Section 46a:—

"No Grand Superintendent, after his term of office has expired and his successor installed, shall be entitled to the Rank of Right Excellent Companion unless the Grand Z. certifies to Grand Chapter that he has performed the duties of his office in a faithful and satisfactory manner."

PROPERTY OF GRAND CHAPTER.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and

Resolved,—That Section 81 (page 32) of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the following sentences:

"The Warrant is the sole property of Grand Chapter. If the Chapter be dissolved then the warrant and all the paraphernalia, books, and funds of the Chapter immediately become vested in Grand Chapter. To withhold any of such property is a Masonic offence, and renders the offender liable to prompt discipline."

DIVISION OF ALBERTA DISTRICTS.

In accordance with notice given by R. Ex. Comp. S. F. Patterson, it was moved by Ex. Comp. W. E. Clarke, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Shaw, and

Resolved,—That the Province of Alberta be divided into three districts, namely:

17a, or Alberta N. District, to consist of the Chapters located at Edmonton, Vermilion and Killam.

17b, or Alberta Central District, to comprise the Chapters located at Calgary, Red Deer, High River and Claresholm.

17c, or Alberta S. District, to consist of the Chapters located at Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Macleod, Pincher Creek and Hillcrest, and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

CHANGE OF CHAPTER NAME.

A request having been received from Berlin Chapter, Berlin, Ont., to change its name, it was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by V. Ex. Comp. William Downing, and

Resolved,—That the request of Berlin Chapter, No. 117, for permission to change its name be granted. The Chapter has not yet selected a name, but when it does, the name must be submitted to the Grand First Principal for his approval before it is adopted.

JURISDICTION DISPUTED.

A special committee having been appointed to investigate the dispute between MacNabb Chapter, No. 88,

Dresden, and Sombra Chapter, No. 153, Sombra, respecting Jurisdiction, reported as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the correspondence, maps, etc., re the dispute as to Jurisdiction of the town of Wallaceburg, Ont., to Sombra Chapter, No. 153, of the Village of Sombra, Ont., and MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, of the Town of Dresden, Ont., beg to report:

That the distance between the Village of Sombra and Wallaceburg is somewhat less than between the Town of Dresden and Wallaceburg; therefore Sombra Chapter, No. 135, holds Jurisdiction over the Town of Wallaceburg, which has been the case since Sombra Chapter was instituted.

Fraternally submitted,

A. Shaw,
George Moore,
F. W. Harcourt.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee be received and adopted.

REQUESTING RECOGNITION AND REPLY.

The Grand Scribe E. of the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta, having written requesting the recognition of that body by the Grand Chapter of Canada, and a special Committee having been appointed to draft a reply, this Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee appointed to consider the communication from the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta beg to report, that while it is impossible to recognize officially the nominal Grand Chapter of Alberta, so-called, yet we would recommend that this Grand Chapter do courteously reply to the communication received, and call attention to the motion passed at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, that the Grand Chapter again record its readiness to recognize and approve of the establishment of a Grand Chapter of Alberta as soon as a proper memorial is received from the majority of the Companions and Chapters of Alberta, in good standing, expressing their well-considered desire to that effect, and upon the voluntary dissolution of the present so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta, the Grand First Principal be empowered to heal all the Companions of Alberta who return

to the fold. This Grand Chapter being Trustee for 910 Loyal Companions and 15 Loyal Chapters in the Province of Alberta, cannot, and will not, abrogate any of their rights ,and must be guided by their expressed desire,

Fraternally submitted,

A. Shaw,
F. W. Harcourt,
W. N. Ponton,
Committee.

Toronto, Ont., February 23rd, 1916.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Special Committee to draft reply to the communication received from the Grand Scribe E. of the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta, be received and adopted.

GRAND Z. TO VISIT ALBERTA.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and

Resolved,—That the Grand First Principal appoint a special committee of three to draw up and have printed and distributed a brief summary showing the position of Capitular Masonry in the Province of Alberta, and further, that he be requested to visit the loyal Chapters in that Province during the coming year.

GREAT PRIORY AND SUSPENDED COMPANIONS.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to officially notify the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templars, of the action of the Grand Chapter of Canada at its last, as well as this, Annual Convocation, with reference to the suspension of Companions and the Chapters in the Province of Alberta.

PROPERTY WRONGFULLY REMOVED.

M. Ex. Comps. D. F. Macwatt and F. W. Harcourt, the Committee appointed in pursuance to a resolution passed at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter

to engage counsel to carry out the instruction of this Grand Body to recover the property, etc., taken from the Chapters in Alberta, having reported as to what had been done,

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and

Resolved,—That having heard the report of M. Ex. Comps. D. F. Macwatt and F. W. Harcourt, who were appointed to engage counsel for the purpose of procuring the warrants and other property wrongfully removed from the Chapters in Alberta, this Grand Chapter desires to express its thanks to the M. Ex. Comps. for the manner in which they conducted the business and the successful issue obtained.

REFERENCE TO DEATH OF R. EX. COMP. AUBREY WHITE.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Chapter of Canada places upon record the sense of the great loss it has sustained in the death of Right Excellent Companion Aubrey White, Grand Third Principal of this Grand Chapter. The Right Excellent Companion was initiated in Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge, on the 27th of August, 1878. He affiliated with King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, Toronto, and was its Worshipful Master in 1895. He was elected District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto District, No. 11, in 1896, and was a member of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge from 1898 to the time of his death. For many years he was Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry. He was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1909, and Grand Master in 1911 and 1912. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, on the 9th of October, 1889, and passed through its chairs, and at the time of his death, which occurred on the 14th July, 1915, he was Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada. He was made a Scottish Rite Mason in 1889, and was a member of the Toronto Lodge of Perfection, Toronto Chapter of Rose Croix and Moore Consistory of Hamilton; he had received the Honorary Inspector General Thirty-Third Degree. He was also a member of the Cyrene Preceptory, Past Preceptor and Provincial Prior for Toronto District, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Endowed with great natural ability and of untiring industry, Right Excellent Companion White early attained and for

many years continued to hold a high place in the public service of this Province, and his valuable services were recognized by His Majesty, who conferred upon him the distinguished Order of Companion of St. Michael and St. George. Throughout his career as a Mason the Right Excellent Companion proved himself a true and faithful brother and Companion among us, and a just and upright man. By his kindness of heart, by his uniform courtesy and consideration which characterized his demeanor, by the breadth of the charity in thought as well as in act which he displayed toward all, he endeared himself to his brethren and Companions, and always had a foremost place in their affection and esteem.

In deep sorrow this Grand Chapter now mourns his loss, at the same time rejoicing in the knowledge that he has left in the hearts of all who knew him the memory of a brother and Companion who by the blameless purity of his life and conduct daily exemplified in high degree his regard for the admonition he received on being first invested with the distinguishing badge of a Mason.

The tenets and principles of Masonry were engraved on his heart, and so devoted was he to the Craft that he gave lavishly of his great time and Masonic knowledge, while neither increasing years nor the duties of the important office he held under the Crown and administered to the full satisfaction of the members of both political parties were permitted to diminish his ardor.

This Convocation offers its deepest sympathy to Mrs. White and her family, realizing, however, that words can add nothing to their consolation, and can take away nothing from their grief in their great sorrow.

May his rest be deep and sweet, and may his example ever inspire and help us in our outward pilgrimage.

SERVICES RECOGNIZED.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and

Resolved,—That in view of the recommendation of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, and in recognition of the faithful services as such, the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be and is hereby conferred on Ex. Comp. John Brenchley, of Kenora, for having filled the vacancy caused by R. Ex. Comp. Nelson Schnarr, M.D., of Kenora, enlisting for active overseas service. That the thanks of Grand Chapter also be tendered to

R. Ex. Comp. James McC. Potts, M.D., of Stirling, who discharged with fidelity for the remaining part of the term the duties of R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Alger, M.D., Grand Superintendent of Prince Edward District, who had enlisted for military service.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of Grand Chapter be and are hereby tendered to the Ex. Companions who acted so efficiently as scrutineers of the ballot at the election of officers.

VOTE OF THANKS TO TORONTO.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Toronto Masonic Hall Trust for the use of the rooms, and to the Companions of the Toronto Chapters for their kindly attention and fraternal reception to the officers and members of Grand Chapter as well as the arrangements made for the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

"THE WORK."

The Grand Z. gave an exemplification, with the assistance of several Excellent Companions, of proposed changes respecting instructions in "The Work."

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and

Resolved,—That the instructions exemplified by the Grand Z. be incorporated in "The Work."

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

M. Ex. Comps. F. W. Harcourt and A. Shaw then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, who were proclaimed, and saluted according to ancient custom.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

The following appointments by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. were subsequently announced:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. Ex. Comp.		R. J. Gibson	Toronto
"	"	C. W. Haentschel, M.D.	Haileybury
"	"	H. S. Griffin, M.D.	Hamilton
"	"	J. Orville Clarke	Govan
"	"	C. J. Hamilton	Cornwall

ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

V. Ex. Comp.		James Thorne, Colborne.	Grand Senior Sojourner.
"	"	J. E. Yocom, Dunnville...	Grand Junior Sojourner.
R. "	"	Jas. B. Nixon, 39 Kingswood Road, Toronto....	Grand Lecturer.
V. "	"	W. J. Wadsworth, Toronto	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	"	O. C. Watson, Campbellford	Grand Master 1st Veil.
"	"	A. J. Parker, Sault Ste. Marie	Grand Master 2nd Veil.
"	"	David Ramage, Regina..	Grand Master 3rd Veil.
"	"	Rev. J. A. Jones, Battleford	Grand Master 4th Veil.
"	"	J. A. Yager, Swift Current	Grand Standard Bearer.
"	"	F. M. Bond, St. Thomas.	Grand D. of Ceremonies.
"	"	A. L. Patterson, Harriston	Grand Organist
"	"	J. Kennedy, Stratford...	Grand Pursuivant.
"	"	Dr. H. B. Anderson, Toronto	Grand Steward.
"	"	Thos. W. Solmes, Stirling	Grand Steward.
"	"	Nelson Washburn, Almonte.....	Grand Steward.
"	"	T. J. Cherry, Kenora....	Grand Steward.
"	"	W. H. Taylor, Winnipeg	Grand Steward.
"	"	A. M. Manson, Prince Rupert	Grand Steward.

V. Ex. Comp. A. D. Ferguson, Macleod Grand Steward.
" " A. Hill, Edmonton..... Grand Steward.
" " Alex. Blachley, High River Grand Steward.
" " H. J. Raymer, Rosslanu.. Grand Steward.

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 5.40 o'clock p.m.

Henry J. Smith,

Grand Scribe E.

Toronto, February 23rd, 1916.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, M.D., Regina, Grand H., President.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.

M. Ex. Comp.	Robert Hendry, Jr.	Kingston
" "	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto
" "	J. E. Harding	Lindsay
" "	Michael Walsh	Ingersoll
" "	William G. Reid	Hamilton
" "	Abraham Shaw	Kingston
" "	George Moore	Hamilton
" "	F. W. Harcourt	Toronto
" "	Daniel F. MacWatt	Sarnia
" "	W. S. R. Murch, Grand Z	Kingston
" "	H. Robertson	Collingwood
" "	Harry H. Watson	Vancouver
R. " "	William N. Ponton, Grand J	Belleville

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. Ex. Comp.	D. R. McDiarmid, Ridgetown	St. Clair	Dist.	No. 1
" "	O. S. Clark, Sarnia	London	"	2
" "	F. S. Blain, Brantford	Wilson	"	3
" "	Elmer Still, Orangeville	Wellington	"	4
" "	James Fleming Mercer, Hamilton	Hamilton	"	5
" "	Dr. W. F. Gallow, Goderich	Huron	"	6
" "	F. W. Swannell, Niagara Falls	Niagara	"	7
" "	J. W. Rogers, Toronto	Toronto	"	8
" "	Walter H. Brown, Bracebridge	Georgian	"	9
" "	Dr. J. H. Purdy, Cobourg	Ontario	"	10
" "	A. H. Watson, Madoc	Pr. Edward	"	11
" "	A. L. Stein, Brockville	St. Lawrence	"	12
" "	J. C. Scott, Ottawa	Ottawa	"	13
" "	E. E. Wood, Fort William	Algoma	"	14
" "	W. N. Brown, Winnipeg	Manitoba E.	"	15
" "	W. E. Crawford, Brandon	Manitoba W.	"	15a
" "	James Irwin, Vancouver	Br. Columbia	"	16
" "	F. E. Nichol, Killam	Alberta N.	"	17a
" "	Rev. George H. Hogbin, Calgary	Alberta Cent.	"	17b
" "	K. D. J. C. Johnson, Lethbridge	Alberta S.	"	17c
" "	A. B. Netherby, Nelson	Kootenay	"	18
" "	E. R. Bailey, Kelowna	Yale-Col'bia	"	18a
" "	Garnet Coombs, Prince Albert	Saskatch'n N.	"	19a
" "	H. Clarke, Moose Jaw	Saskatch'n W.	"	19b
" "	Robert Garvin, Melville	Saskatch'n E.	"	19c
" "	H. J. McAuslan, North Bay	New Ontario	"	20

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Toronto.....Grand Scribe E.
" " Bernard Cairns, Toronto.....Grand Scribe N.

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER.

R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer.....Trenton
" " K. J. Dunstan.....Toronto
" " O. Ellwood.....London
" " D. H. McIntosh, M.D.....Carleton Place
" " J. McC. Potts, M.D.....Stirling

APPOINTED BY GRAND Z.

R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson.....Toronto
" " C. W. Haentschel, M.D.....Haileybury
" " H. S. Griffin, M.D.....Hamilton
" " J. Orville Clarke.....Govan
" " C. J. Hamilton, M.D.....Cornwall

SUB-COMMITTEES.

GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS.

M. Ex. Comps. J. Ross Robertson, Chairman; J. E. Harding, R. Hendry, Jr., M. Walsh, W. G. Reid, A. Shaw, George Moore, F. W. Harcourt, D. F. Macwatt, H. Robertson and H. H. Watson.

BENEVOLENCE.

M. Ex. Comps. A. Shaw, Chairman; J. Ross Robertson, R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. Ex. Comps. R. H. Spencer, Chairman; J. W. Rogers, C. J. Hamilton, M.D., J. Orville Clarke, D. R. McDiarmid, O. S. Clark, F. S. Blain, Elmer Still, K. D. J. C. Johnson, A. B. Netherby, E. R. Bailey.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. Ex. Comps. K. J. Dunstan, Chairman; J. McC. Potts, M.D., J. F. Mercer, W. F. Gallow, F. W. Swannell, W. H. Brown, J. H. Purdy, A. H. Watson, J. C. Scott.

WARRANTS.

R. Ex. Comps. O. Ellwood, Chairman; C. W. Haentschel, M.D., R. J. Gibson, Rev. George H. Hogbin, F. E. Nichol, James Irwin, W. E. Crawford, W. N. Brown, E. E. Wood, A. L. Stein.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

R. Ex. Comps. H. S. Griffin, M.D., Chairman; Garnet Coombs, H. Clarke, Robert Garvin, H. J. McAuslan.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

R. Ex. Comps. D. H. McIntosh, M.D., Chairman; C. W. Haentschel, R. W. Clewlo.

PRINTING COMMITTEE.

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, K.C., Chairman; R. Ex. Comps. K. J. Dunstan, Henry T. Smith.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, Chairman.

LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. D. R. McDiarmid, Ridgetown

No.
47, Wellington.....Chatham
71, Pr. of Wales...Amherstburg
73, Erie.....Ridgetown
80, Ark.....Windsor

No.
88, MacNabb.....Dresden
119, King Cyrus. . Leamington
164, Lorne..... .West Lorne

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. O. S. Clark, Sarnia

No.
3, St. John's.....London
5, St. George's.....London
15, Wawanosh.....Sarnia
53, Bruce.....Petrolia
54, Palestine..... St. Thomas

No.
74, Beaver.....Strathroy
78, Minnewawa .....Parkhill
81, Aylmer.....Aylmer
150, London.....London
153, Sombra .....Sombra

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. F. S. Blain, Brantford

No.
18, Oxford.....Woodstock
20, Mount Horeb ....Brantford
23, Ezra.....Simcoe

No.
41, Harris.....Ingersoll
115, Brant.....Paris

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Elmer Still, Orangeville

No.
32, Waterloo.....Galt
40, Guelph.....Guelph
67, Enterprise.....Harriston

No.
83, Ionic.....Orangeville
117, Berlin.....Berlin

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. James Fleming Mercer, Hamilton

No.
2, The Hiram.....Hamilton
6, St. John's.....Hamilton
75, St. Clair.....Milton

No.
104, White Oak.....Oakville
155, Ancaster .....Ancaster
175, The Hamilton...Hamilton

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6

Grand Superintendent—R.Ex. Comp. Dr. W. F. Gallow, Goderich

No.
24, Tecumseh.....Stratford
30, Huron.....Goderich
46, St. James .....St. Mary's
63, Havelock.....Kincardine
66, The Malloch.....Seaforth

No.
84, Lebanon.... ...Wingham
129, Elliot.....Mitchell
130, Chantry....Southampton
146, Bernard.....Listowel
147, Lucknow.....Lucknow

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex Comp. F. W. Swannell, Niagara Falls

No.		No.	
19,	Mt. Moriah... St. Catharines	64,	Willson..... Welland
29,	McCallum..... Dunnville	69,	Grimsby..... Grimsby
55,	Niagara..... Niagara	76,	Mt. Nebo..... Niagara Falls
57,	King Hiram... Pt. Colborne	184,	Hugh Murray... Bridgeburg

TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Joseph Whyte Rogers, Toronto

No.		No.	
4,	St. Andrew's and St. John's..... Toronto	91,	Antiquity..... Toronto
8,	King Solomon's... Toronto	135,	Succoth..... Uxbridge
60,	Doric..... Newmarket	138,	Shekinah.. West Toronto
62,	York..... Eglinton	145,	The St. Patrick... Toronto
65,	St. Paul's..... Toronto	163,	The Beaches .... Toronto
77,	Occident..... Toronto	185,	Toronto..... Toronto
79,	Orient..... Toronto	195,	Peel..... Brampton
		205,	Victoria..... Thornhill

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Brown, Bracebridge

No.		No.	
27,	Manitou..... Collingwood	86,	Macpherson ..... Meaford
34,	Signet..... Barrie	131,	Amabel..... Wiarton
56,	Georgian..... Owen Sound	167,	Kichikewana .... Midland
70,	Grand River. ..Bracebridge	198,	Couchiching ..... Orillia

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Dr. J. H. Purdy, Cobourg

No.		No.	
28,	Pentalpha..... Oshawa	94,	Midland..... Lindsay
35,	Keystone..... Whitby	110,	Warkworth... Warkworth
36,	Corinthian..... Peterboro'	134,	King Darius .. Cannington
37,	Victoria..... Port Hope	139,	St. Andrew's .... Havelock
45,	Excelsior..... Colborne	144,	Presqu'Isle ..... Brighton
48,	St. John's..... Cobourg	168,	Ionic..... Campbellford

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Watson, Madoc

No.		No.	
7,	The Moira..... Belleville	44,	Mount Sinai..... Napanee
26,	St. Mark's..... Trenton	72,	Keystone..... Stirling
31,	Prince Edward..... Picton	161,	Madoc..... Madoc

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Stein, Brockville

No.	No.
1, Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui.....Kingston	100, St.Lawrence....Brockville
22, Grenville.....Prescott	112, St. John's.....Morrisburg
59, Sussex.....Brockville	113, Covenant.....Cornwall
68, Maitland.....N. Augusta	132, Leeds.....Gananoque

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Scott, Ottawa

No.	No.
16, Carleton.....Ottawa	133, St. Francis... Smith's Falls
61, Granite.....Almonte	143, Glengarry.....Maxville
114, Bonnechere.....Renfrew	148, St. John's...Vankleek Hill
116, Maple.....Carleton Pl.	151, Laurentian .....Pembroke

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14

Grand Superintendent—R.Ex. Comp. E. E. Wood, Fort William

No.	No.
82, Shuniah.....Port Arthur	149, Atwood..... .Rainy River
90, Golden.....Kenora	152, Alberton.....Ft. Frances
140, Ft. William...Ft. William	

MANITOBA E. DISTRICT, NO. 15

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Brown, Winnipeg

No.	No.
52, Pr. Rupert.....Winnipeg	171, Rabboni.....Dauphin
99, Keystone..Po'ge la Prairie	187, Connaught.....Winnipeg
136, King Edward.....Neepawa	

MANITOBA W. DISTRICT, NO. 15a

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. W. É. Crawford, Brandon

No.	No.
101, Corinthian.....Boissevain	156, Avondale.....Hartney
141, Keystone.....Brandon	183, Mount Sinai.....Rivers

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 16

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. James Irwin, Vancouver

No.	No.
98, Vancouver....Vancouver	178, Kaien.....Prince Rupert
124, Westm'ster, N.Westm'ter	182, Camosun. .....Victoria
127, Keystone.....Nanaimo	190, Pacific.....Vancouver
142, Cyrus.....Cumberland	191, N.Vancouver N.Vancouver

ALBERTA N. DISTRICT, NO. 17a

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. F. E. Nichol, Killam

No.	No.
118, North Star ...Edmonton	202, Mount Olivet.....Killam
197, Capital City...Edmonton	204, Norwood.....Edmonton
199, Vermilion.....Vermilion	

ALBERTA CENTRAL DISTRICT, NO. 17b

Grand Superintendent—R.Ex.Comp.Rev.Geo.H.Hogbin,Calgary

No.	No.
106, Alberta.....Calgary	196, Keystone.....Red Deer
159, Golden West,High River	201, Tau Cross.....Claresholm
179, Otuskwan.....Calgary	

ALBERTA S. DISTRICT, NO. 17c

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. K. D. J. C. Johnson, Lethbridge

No.
126, Assiniboia..Medicine Hat
158, Shekinah .....Lethbridge
176, Bekah.....Macleod

No.
177, Kether .... Pincher Creek
200, Hillvue .....Hillcrest

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NO. 18

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. A. B. Netherby, Nelson

No.
120, Kootenay.....Kaslo
123, Nelson .....Nelson

No.
125, RockyMount'n,Cranbrook
137, Crow's Nest.....Fernie

YALE-COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 18a

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. E. R. Bailey, Kelowna

No.
122, Rossland ..... Rossland
128, Revelstoke.....Revelstoke
157, Okanagan.....Vernon

No.
174, Boundary... Grand Forks
206, Kelowna ..... Kelowna

SASKATCHEWAN N. DISTRICT, NO. 19a

Grand Superintendent—R.Ex.Comp.Garnet Coombs,PrinceAlbert

No.
160, Prince Albert..Pr. Albert
165, Saskatoon..... Saskatoon

No.
181, Battleford.....Battleford
U.D., King George.. Yorkton

SASKATCHEWAN W. DISTRICT, NO. 19b

Grand Superintendent—R.Ex. Comp. H. Clarke, Moose Jaw

No.
162, Moose Jaw....Moose Jaw
173, Weyburn..... Weyburn
180, Estevan.....Estevan

No.
186, Unity.....Swift Current
U.D., Assiniboia....Assiniboia

SASKATCHEWAN E. DISTRICT, NO. 19c

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Robert Garvin, Melville

No.
121, Wascana ..... Regina
166, Moose Mountain....Arcola
170, Golden Compass..Sintaluta

No.
192, Trinity.....Melville
193, Govan .....Govan
194, Moosomin .....Moosomin

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 20

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. H. J. McAuslan, North Bay

No.
58, Pembroke ..... Mattawa
95, Tuscan.....Sudbury
102, Algonquin.Sault Ste.Marie

No.
103, St. John's .....North Bay
169, Temiskaming.New Liskeard
203, Cobalt.....Cobalt

UNATTACHED.

Acting-Grand Superintendent—R. Ex Comp. Dr. A. J. Gillis, Dawson.

No. 154, Klondike.....Dawson, Y. T.

CHAPTER RETURNS

No	Name of Chapter.	Where Held.	Regular Convocation.
1	Anct. Frontenac and Cataraqui	Kingston	Third Friday
2	The Hiram	Hamilton	Fourth Friday
3	St. John's	London	Fourth Wednesday
4	St. And. and St. John's	Toronto	Third Friday
5	St. George's	London	Fourth Friday
6	St. John's	Hamilton	Second Thursday
7	The Moira	Belleville	First Tuesday
8	King Solomon's	Toronto	Fourth Thursday
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia	Second Friday
16	Carleton	Ottawa	Third Friday
18	Oxford	Woodstock	Third Friday
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	Friday on or b. f. m.
20	Mount Horeb	Brantford	First Friday
22	Grenville	Prescott	Second Tuesday
23	Ezra	Simcoe	Thursday af. f. m
24	Tecumseh	Stratford	Fourth Friday
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	Tuesday on or af. f. m.
27	Manitou	Collingwood	Fourth Friday
28	Pentalpha	Oshawa	First Tuesday
29	McCallum	Dunnville	Third Friday
30	Huron	Goderich	Third Tuesday
31	Prince Edward	Picton	Monday on or af. f. m.
32	Waterloo	Galt	Second Monday
34	Signet	Barrie	Second Tuesday
35	Keystone	Whitby	Third Friday
36	Corinthian	Peterborough	Fourth Friday
37	Victoria	Port Hope	Second Friday
40	Guelph	Guelph	Second Friday
41	Harris	Ingersoll	Fourth Friday
44	Mount Sinai	Napanee	Wednesday af. f. m.
45	Excelsior	Colborne	First Tuesday
46	St. James	St. Mary's	Second Monday
47	Wellington	Chatham	Second Thursday
48	St. John's	Cobourg	Friday on or b f. m.
52	Prince Rupert	Winnipeg	First Thursday
53	Bruce	Petrolia	Third Wednesday
54	Palestine	St. Thomas	Second Thursday
55	Niagara	Niagara	Thursday af. f. m
56	Georgian	Owen Sound	Third Tuesday
57	King Hiram	Port Colborne	First Thursday
58	Pembroke	Mattawa	Third Wednesday
59	Sussex	Brockville	Third Friday
60	Doric	Newmarket	First Wednesday
61	Granite	Almonte	Second Thursday
62	York	Eglinton	First Friday
63	Havelock	Kincardine	Third Friday
64	Willson	Welland	Last Wednesday
65	St. Paul's	Toronto	Second Wednesday
66	The Malloch	Seaforth	Third Monday
67	Enterprise	Harriston	First Monday
68	Maitland	North Augusta	Friday af. f. m
69	Grimsby	Grimsby	First Monday
70	Grand River	Bracebridge	Third Thursday
71	Prince of Wales	Amherstburg	First Friday
72	Keystone	Stirling	Thursday af. f. m
73	Erie	Ridgetown	Monday on or af. f. m.
74	Beaver	Strathroy	First Monday
75	St. Clair	Milton	Thursday af. f. m.
76	Mount Nebo	Niagara Falls,	Third Friday
77	Occident	Toronto	Second Friday
78	Minnewawa	Parkhill	Friday on or af. f. m.
79	Orient	Toronto	Second Thursday
80	Ark	Windsor	Second Monday
81	Aylmer	Aylmer	Friday on or af. f. m.
82	Shuniah	Port Arthur	Third Wednesday

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L. C. Lockett	H. J. Milne	146	9	1	..	...	...	...	156	10	..
J. H. Schrader	Geo. H. Lanigan	348	19	...	1	1	5	5	357	9	..
S. R. Sampson	O. Ellwood	340	12	...	..	3	15	...	334	...	6
H. Eversfield	George Kirby	217	3	...	..	2	2	5	211	...	6
Geo. E. Logan	Thomas P. Elliot	268	23	1	..	2	4	4	282	14	..
A. F. Hamburgh	Geo. H. Britton	333	25	3	..	5	...	7	349	16	..
J. O. R. McCurdy	L. C. Yeomans	191	3	...	..	1	7	4	182	...	9
L. E. Bowerman	M. J. Young	255	5	2	1	5	7	3	248	...	7
Edw. C. Lawrence	Alex. K. Wanless	231	14	1	1	3	...	3	241	10	..
L. Wood	A. W. Grant	231	18	4	..	8	...	2	243	12	..
R. D. Montgomery	H. A. Biggins	74	6	4	..	1	4	..	79	5	..
W. H. Horton	A. N. Lindsay	167	16	..	..	1	...	5	177	10	..
Wm. Wylie	F. S. Blain	216	3	...	..	2	10	2	205	...	11
A. G. Ball	A. T. Adams	61	...	1	..	2	8	...	52	...	9
Jas. H. Shaw	R. E. Gunton	149	7	1	..	1	...	2	154	5	..
Frank A. Copus	Jno. Stevenson	172	9	...	..	6	14	4	157	...	15
C. M. Foster	B. H. Siddall	87	3	1	..	1	1	3	86	...	1
J. A. Patterson	George C. Coles	145	2	...	1	...	...	...	148	3	..
H. A. Saunders	J. F. Grierson	105	5	...	..	...	...	...	110	5	..
C. A. M. Thrush	J. E. Yocom	77	5	...	..	...	...	3	79	2	..
K. Campbell	John Straiton	102	3	...	..	2	2	2	99	...	3
S. B. Gearing	John L. Graydon	158	5	...	..	1	2	2	158	...	..
T. F. Campbell	Chas. Blake	117	4	..	..	3	..	...	118	1	..
Jno. B. Barr	Fred. W. Otton	240	3	...	..	39	18	6	180	...	60
Geo. W. P. Everv.	W.M.V'nValk'nbg	72	3	2	..	6	1	...	70	...	2
J. E. L. Goodwill	W. H. Walkey	142	7	...	1	1	...	...	149	7	.
Walter A. Thomas	J. W. Sanders	131	4	...	..	3	7	2	123	...	8
John F. Marr	A. M. Ogg	82	9	2	..	2	..	1	90	8	..
R. B. Hutt	A. S. Crawford	84	2	..	..	...	1	1	84	...	..
F. W. Armstrong	E. J. Walters	89	1	...	..	2	5	2	81	...	8
W. M. McDougall	James Thorne	75	3	...	..	1	...	2	75	...	..
O. R. Burns	T. L. Sinclair	68	7	...	..	...	...	1	74	6	..
D. W. McDonald	D. A. Cannon	202	28	1	..	5	5	2	219	17	..
Thos. B. Lapp	Robt. Buck	70	3	...	..	...	...	1	72	2	..
F. W. Brownell	A. Armstrong	399	7	1	..	10	...	3	394	...	5
N. A. Campbell	John Sinclair	102	3	2	1	1	...	2	105	3	..
W. C. Forbes	W. E. Idsardi	262	9	1	..	3	1	6	262	...	..
F. J. McClelland	W. Edwin Lee	37	1	...	1	...	...	1	38	1	..
C. L. Vanwyck	James Leslie	135	4	1	1	1	...	2	138	3	..
Rev. D. R. Smith	C. D. Winn	37	6	...	..	1	...	...	42	5	..
J. D. MacDonald	J. H. Spec	51	2	...	..	...	...	1	52	1	..
R. J. Dunn	Jonathan Greene	140	8	...	..	3	6	1	138	...	2
Ed. J. Hill	J. G. Muir	76	2	...	..	1	...	2	75	...	1
H. W. Lundy	J. B. Illingworth	58	4	1	..	1	3	...	59	1	..
E. C. Coath	Fred. Markham	104	1	...	..	4	3	3	95	...	9
William Hay	J. A. MacKenzie	61	5	3	..	2	1	...	66	5	..
R. C. Douglas	George Wells	127	8	...	..	1	18	1	115	...	12
John E. Cameron	A. W. Laughlin	216	9	...	..	3	..	4	218	2	..
C. Aberhart	L. C. Jackson	64	3	...	1	...	...	2	66	2	..
M. W. Yeo	W. A. Glenney	116	4	1	..	...	5	..	116	...	..
J. B. Love	G. A. Love	33	...	...	..	1	...	...	32	...	1
John H. Alway	A. H. Phipps	104	2	...	..	...	...	3	103	...	1
Walter H. Brown	F. P. Warne	86	2	...	..	3	4	1	80	...	6
W. S. French, M.D.	J. H. C. Atkinson	112	9	...	..	...	...	...	121	9	..
Jas. A. Faulkner	James McC. Potts	60	2	...	5	...	...	...	67	7	..
Harry Campbell	A. Long	76	18	...	..	2	...	..	92	16	..
Geo. H. Adamson	R. M. Trueman	77	1	...	1	2	...	..	77	...	..
Jno. M. MacKenzie	Wm. Panton	73	3	1	..	3	3	1	70	...	3
W. E. McCredie	F. W. Swannell	143	10	1	2	...	...	3	153	10	.
Thos. B. Wells	Geo. K. Clemens	461	19	...	..	9	19	4	448	...	13
Geo. W. Racey	Wm. Dawson	64	3	...	1	...	...	..	68	4	..
Geo. F. Weston	Chas. F. Moorhouse	134	13	...	..	1	22	3	121	...	13
Wm. T. Turner	John S. Master	243	42	3	..	1	...	1	286	43	..
E. O. Awde	J. E. Richards	105	4	...	..	...	...	1	108	3	.
A. V. F. Bliss	T. J. C. Rodden	169	3	1	..	..	2	5	166	...	3

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83	Ionic	Orangeville	Tuesday af. f. m
84	Lebanon	Wingham	Third Tuesday
86	Macpherson	Meaford	Third Thursday
88	MacNabb	Dresden	First Thursday
90	Golden	Kenora	Third Friday
91	Antiquity	Toronto	Fourth Wednesday
94	Midland	Lindsay	Third Thursday
95	Tuscan	Sudbury	Second Tuesday
98	Vancouver	Vancouver	Second Wednesday
99	Keystone	Portage la Prairie	First Friday
100	St. Lawrence	Brockville	First Thursday
101	Corinthian	Boissevain	Second Wednesday
102	Algonquin	Sault Ste. Marie	Fourth Friday
103	St. John's	North Bay	First Thursday
104	White Oak	Oakville	Third Tuesday
106	Alberta	Calgary	First Wednesday
110	Warkworth	Warkworth	Wednesday af. f. m
112	St. John's	Morrisburg	Tuesday af. f. m
113	Covenant	Cornwall	Third Wednesday
114	Bonnechere	Renfrew	Third Monday
115	Brant	Paris	Monday on or b. f. m
116	Maple	Carleton Place	First Monday
117	Berlin	Berlin	Third Friday
118	North Star	Edmonton	Second Tuesday
119	King Cyrus	Leamington	Tuesday af. f. m
*120	Kootenay	Kaslo	Second Tuesday
121	Wascana	Regina	Second Monday
122	Rossland	Rossland	First Tuesday
123	Nelson	Nelson	Third Wednesday
124	Westminster	New Westminster	Second Friday
125	Rocky Mountain	Cranbrook	Second Tuesday
126	Assiniboia	Medicine Hat	Third Thursday
127	Keystone	Nanaimo	Third Wednesday
128	Revelstoke	Revelstoke	First Monday
129	Elliot	Mitchell	Second Tuesday af. f. m
130	Chantry	Southampton	Tuesday b. f. m
131	Amabel	Wiarton	First Thursday
132	Leeds	Gananoque	First Wednesday
133	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	Second Friday af. f. m.
134	King Darius	Cannington	Wednesday af. f.m
135	Succoth	Uxbridge	Monday af. f. m
136	King Edward	Neepawa	Second Wed. af. f. m
*137	Crow's Nest	Fernie	First Tuesday
138	Shekinah	Toronto	Second Tuesday
139	St. Andrew's	Havelock	Monday af. f. m
140	Fort William	Fort William	First Friday
141	Keystone	Brandon	First Monday
142	Cyrus	Cumberland	Third Wednesday
143	Glengarry	Maxville	Fourth Friday
144	Presqu' Isle	Brighton	Second Friday
145	The St. Patrick	Toronto	Third Saturday
146	Bernard	Listowel	Friday af. f. m
147	Lucknow	Lucknow	Thursday af. f. m
148	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	First Friday
149	Atwood	Rainy River	Third Thursday
150	London	London	Third Tuesday
151	Laurentian	Pembroke	Third Tuesday
152	Alberton	Fort Frances	Second Thursday
153	Sombra	Sombra	Third Wednesday
154	Klondike	Dawson	Fourth Thursday
155	Ancaster	Ancaster	Tuesday af. f.m
156	Avondale	Hartney	Friday on or af. f. m
157	Okanagan	Vernon	Thursday af. f.m
158	Shekinah	Lethbridge	Fourth Wednesday
159	Golden West	High River	Monday on or b. f. m

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83	W.H.Bowles,M.D.	D. McPherson	66	7				3	1	69	3	
84	Geo. W. Carr	H.E W.Tamlyn M.D	53	2	2			1		56	3	
86	John A. Sinclair	Dr. J. D. Hamill	67	1				2		66		1
88	F. H. Laird	R. D. McAlpine	63	6		1	1			69	6	
90	A. I. Katz	H. O. Holden	112	6		1	3	3		113	1	
91	H. S. McHenry	W. S. Milne	164	34	2	2	2	8	2	190	26	
94	R. H Heels	R. G. Corneil	113	1						114	1	
95	J. W. Rawlins	A. J. Manley	92	7					2	97	5	
98	Peter L. King	Wm. Burns	305				10	8	4	283		22
99	Fred. Sparling	E. A. Williams	98							98		
100	Herbert Axton	Geo. W. Morrison	92	4			1	1	1	93	1	
101	P. J. Osborne	J. A. Taylor	109	2			2			109		
102	R. D. Gillespie	C. A. Leaney	284	22	1	1	7	4	3	294	10	
103	R. Y. Angus	Harry G. Thorpe	132	7	1		1	6	2	131		1
104	J. R. Kendall	W. K. Leggatt	70	2					1	71	1	
106	Dr. A. O. MacRae	Robt. Knight	38	14		2	12			42	4	
110	A. M. Hamilton	P. S. Ewing	46	1					1	46		
112	W. E. Thorn	B. A. Herring	77						1	76		1
113	A. C. Wyatt	John Ridley	106	5				1		110	4	
114	James C. Fraser	Hugh Macdonald	85	2			1		2	84		1
115	Wm. Finlayson	W. J. Logie, M.D.	57	6			3	1	1	58	1	
116	A. H. Edwards	M. H. Steele	76	1					1	76		
117	Geo. De Kleinhans	James D. Weir	79	5			3	4	1	76		3
118	H. L. McInnis	Frank Barnhouse	19			28				47	28	
119	W. A. Woodiwiss	A. T. Bristow	78	7						85	7	
120	H. Gigerich	C. F. Sherwin	37							37		
121	Clar. S. Wheeler	Ernest Pinnell	234	8	5	1	25	7	3	213		21
122	M. MacKenzie	G. W. Dunn	106	2		1		2		107	1	
123	John A. Smith	Geo. Johnstone	118	1			3			116		2
124	D. C. Tuck	A. J. Brine	186	1			4		5	178		8
125	Dr. F. B. Miles	A. C. Shankland	129	2	1		2		1	129		
126	P. J. Dewie	P. D. Stone	149	4			4	14		135		14
127	Herbert L. Horne.	Jno. F. Doyle	74	5					2	77	3	
128	Walter Bews	Rev.C.A.Procunier	84							84		
129	A. Dalton Smith.	Wm. Babb	36	2			1		1	36		
130	Angus McLeod	P. J. Scott, M.D.	66	2			5	2		61		5
131	C. Kesselring	J. E. Johston	50						1	49		1
132	J. J. Davis	A. B. Munro	105	1					2	104		1
133	A. L. McGregor	G. W. Fluker	72	1	2		4	5		66		6
134	Jas. A. Parliament	Wm. H. Bick	53							53		
135	John M. Murray	V. M. Hare	82	1	1		1	5		78		4
136	George Harper	C. H. Pattison	174	11			2	10	2	171		3
137	Harold Anderson	Herbert E. Barnes	58							58		
138	W. J. Sheppard	W. J. Wadsworth	149	6	1		6		1	149		
139	Arthur Mathison	H. T. Andrews	72				3		1	68		4
140	John Armstrong	J. A. Underhill	164	16			1	2	1	176	12	
141	W. G. Williams	W. E. Crawford	84	7	2		2		1	90	6	
142	G. W. Clinton	C. J. Parnham	51							51		
143	G. H. McDougall.	D P. McDiarmid.	47	2			2	1	1	45		2
144	A. E. M. Lovett	Vernon Coulter	41	1	2		2		1	41		
145	J. J Shelley	Harry Leeson	444	14		1	17	1	5	436		8
146	John A. Keily	Alex.Weatherhead	51			1	1	1		50		1
147	A. J. Davison.	Wm. W. Hill	32						1	31		1
148	E. H. Elridge	H. C. Jones	38					1		37		1
149	H. G. C. Ledger	R. W. Race	73					2	1	70		3
150	L. A. Boss	C. C. Reed	150	14	1		2	11	1	151	1	
151	J. H. Leach	J. D. L. Leitch	49	1					1	49		
152	W. A. Baker	J. W Walker	32	7						39	7	
153	N. B. Roach	W. W. Stover	48	18	1				1	66	18	
154	W H.S McFarland.	A. H. Sellar	125	2			2	4	2	119		6
155	Geo. A. Almas	John Pickard	45	9	1					55	10	
156	James Duthie	C. D. Batty	117	10			2		4	121	4	
157	L. Norris	E. F. Lloyd	68				1	7	1	59		9
158	Arthur Hayr	T. S. Fetterly	91	4			4	1	3	87		4
159	Geo. Willis Buck	P. G. Thomas	89	2			5	2		84		5

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160	Prince Albert	Prince Albert	Third Tuesday
161	Madoc	Madoc	Thursday af. f. m.
162	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw	Third Thursday
163	The Beaches	Toronto	First Monday
164	Lorne	West Lorne	Second Wednesday
165	Saskatoon	Saskatoon	Third Friday
166	Moose Mountain	Arcola	Friday af. f.m
167	Kichikewana	Midland	Fourth Friday
168	Ionic	Campbellford	Second Tuesday
169	Temiskaming	New Liskeard	First Wednesday
170	Golden Compass	Sintaluta	Second Tues. af. f.m
171	Rabboni	Dauphin	Second Tuesday
173	Weyburn	Weyburn	Second Wednesday
174	Boundary	Grand Forks	Third Thursday
175	The Hamilton	Hamilton	Third Tuesday
176	Bekah	Macleod	Second Tuesday
177	Kether	Pincher Creek	Friday on or b. f. m.
178	Kaien	Prince Rupert	Third Wednesday
179	Otuskwan	Calgary	First Thursday
180	Estevan	Estevan	First Tuesday
181	Battleford	Battleford	Third Thursday
182	Camosun	Victoria	Second Monday
183	Mount Sinai	Rivers	Third Friday
184	Hugh Murray	Bridgeburg	Second Tuesday
185	Toronto	Toronto	Third Monday
186	Unity	Swift Current	Second Wednesday
187	Connaught	Winnipeg	Fourth Friday
190	Pacific	Vancouver	Second Monday
191	N. Vancouver	N. Vancouver	Second Tuesday
192	Trinity	Melville	Second Thursday
193	Govan	Govan	Second Tuesday af. f m.
194	Orient	Moosomin	First Wednesday af.f.m.
195	Peel	Brampton	First Tuesday
196	Keystone	Red Deer	Third Friday
197	Capital City	Edmonton	Second Friday
198	Couchiching	Orillia	Third Monday
199	Vermilion	Vermilion	Tuesday af. f.m.
200	Hillvue	Hillcrest	Wednesday on or b.f.m.
201	Tau Cross	Claresholm	Second Tuesday
202	Mount Olivet	Killam	First Wednesday
203	Cobalt	Cobalt	Third Tuesday
204	Norwood	Edmonton	First Wednesday
205	Victoria	Thornhill	Second Wednesday
206	Kelowna	Kelowna	Second Thursday
U.D	King George	Yorkton	First Thursday af. f.m.
U.D	Assiniboia	Assiniboia	Second Tuesday

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160	And'w Henderson.	Garnet Coombs...	97	.....	1	..	..	..	2	96	.....	1
161	John F. Houston.	Will J. Hill	70	3	..	..	..	..	2	71	1	..
162	C. Albert Smith..	Wm. E. Hodge...	267	5	1	..	6	25	2	240	.....	27
163	Jas. R. Gregory ..	R. E. Miller.....	74	5	..	..	1	..	2	76	2	..
164	D. Turner.....	Neil Hyndman...	58	1	1	..	..	2	..	58	.....	..
165	Chas. A. Needham	Wm. Todd.....	278	9	3	..	20	13	1	256	.....	22
166	W. Gibson.....	Howard A. Archer	67	8	..	..	..	..	..	75	8	.
167	J. M. H. McGuire.	R. D. Keefe.....	94	6	1	..	2	..	1	98	4	..
168	David F. Robertson	Edw. T. Morton..	66	7	..	..	..	..	1	72	6	..
169	L. A. Kennedy...	E. Monaghan....	137	13	..	..	4	..	1	145	8	..
170	J. M. Hastings...	C. G. Weldon...	53	1	..	..	..	1	..	53	.....	..
171	Stewart Baird.. .	J. W. Johnston...	124	6	..	..	..	..	..	130	6	..
173	L. E. Yingst.....	J. C. Waddington.	98	11	..	..	2	..	..	107	9	..
174	Alfred S. McKim.	W. J. Cook.....	44	.....	..	..	..	..	1	43	.....	1
175	G. R. Lloyd	W. F. McGiverin..	88	2	..	..	..	..	..	90	2	..
176	J. B. Sutherland..	D. J. Cummings..	26	....	..	..	..	..	..	26	.....	..
177	M. M. Steele.....	L. J. Boag.....	28	2	..	..	2	2	..	26	.....	2
178	A. M. Manson...	D. H. Hays.....	82	6	..	..	..	4	1	83	1	..
179	N. Millen.....	H. W. Tritt.....	25	13	..	4	2	..	2	38	13	..
180	J. D. Partington..	L. Wright.	54	.....	..	..	3	..	..	51	.....	3
181	M. L. M. Skelton.	W. C. Soole.....	58	4	..	..	..	..	.	62	4	.
182	P. Campbell.....	A. C. Messer.....	68	14	6	1	1	6	1	81	13	..
183	C. H. Payne.....	T. M. Ferguson...	89	.....	..	..	..	..	..	89	.....	..
184	Thos. J. Wilbee...	John A. North...	42	5	..	..	..	..	..	47	5	..
185	David Colman....	James R. Bulmer.	130	9	3		1	..	3	138	8	..
186	F. R. Carter.....	J. A. Yager.....	70	18	..	1	3	1	..	85	15	..
187	W. A. McKay...	F. H. Dixon.....	80	3	3	..	4	3	1	78	....	2
190	Walter A. Freeze.	E. A. Stokes.....	98	5	..	..	5	14	..	84	....	14
191	John B. Bennett.	Carleton R. Lane.	63	3	.	..	2	..	1	63	.....	..
192	A.B.A Cun'ingh'm	John Henning....	41	13	..	..	..	..	..	54	13	..
193	J. D. McHattie ..	Samuel J. Latta	56	6	..	..	2	..	..	60	4	..
194	R. B. Hare	E.G.D.McEachern	55	15	..	..	1	..	2	67	12	.
195	R. W. Lowry.....	W. C. Young....	23	2	..	..	..	..	..	25	2	..
196	G. E. Wishart....	James Mann.....	76	3	..	..	..	..	..	79	3	..
197	J. G. Morris.....	C. J. LaKey.....	159	16	1	..	2	..	1	173	14	..
198	W. H. Tudhope..	Frank McIntosh..	56	13	2	..	3	3	1	64	8	..
199	Geo. E. Hayward.	A. Yungblut.....	56	2	1	..	..	..	..	59	3	..
200	Thos. M. Burnett.	C. W. Johnston..	11	10	1	.	.	..	1	21	10	..
201	Geo. Simpson....	W. T. Cochrane..	23	5	1		5	..	..	24	1	..
202	F. E. Nichol.....	James R. Large..	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	20	10	..
203	W. E. T. Barton..	Frank H. Todd...	.....	56	10	..	..	..	1	65	65	..
204	Wilbert E. Clark..	Wm. Thompson..	.....	32	17	..	..	..	..	49	49	..
205	Edgar A. James..	J. E. Francis.....	.....	5	15	..	..	..	..	20	20	.
206	E. R. Bailey.....	Samuel Gray....	.....	22	..	..	..	..	..	22	22	..
U.D.	Thos. Acheson...	D. Wedderspoon..	15	.....	..	..	..	..	.	15	....	..
U.D.	James B. Smith..	R. W. J. Phillips.	.....	9	.	..	..	..	..	9	9	..
			18,880	1,150	130	63	380	399	218	19,179	770	424
	Error in previous returns		47									
			18.833									

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters, Warranted..... ...	174			
Number of Chapters, U.D.....	2			
	176			
Number of Members, December 31st, 1914.....				**18,833**
" Registrations, " 1915.....		1,150		
" Joinings, " "		130		
" Restorations, " "		63		
			1,343	
Number of Withdrawals, " "		380		
" Suspensions, " "		399		
" Deaths, " "		218		
			997	
Net Gain.....				**346**
Total Membership, December 31st, 1915				**19,179**

SUSPENSIONS.

Chapter.

No. 2. R. Anderson, Solomon Frank, T. S. Griffith, Charles A. Herman, Charles Henry Urry.

No. 3. J. B. Adams, C. W. Boyce, C. G. Carlton, E. A. Crouch, J. E. Dobie, A. T. Dodgson, W. H. Ellis, D. Ferguson, F. Gerloch, N. J. Graham, J. G. MacKay, W. H. Morgan, F. B. Whiting, Wm. Wilson, Joseph Yeo.

No. 4. John Downer, Arthur Wilbur.

No. 5. George W. Miller, H. M. O'Neil, H. M. Peterman, W. O. Pettie.

No. 7. George N. W. Bennett, Thomas W. Byam, Thomas Irvine, Allan C. McFee, Charles M. Reeves, Wm. A. Shaw, Albert Shephard.

No. 8. W. H. Colborne, Geo. C. Beal, O. J. Copner, Wilmot E. Turner, Raymond Walker.

No. 18. Geo. E. Connor, H. R. Lyon, Alex. McBeth, Wm. J. Wyles.

No. 20. Joseph W. Bowles, Charles Carter, Gordon A. Elliott, Wm. S. Giddens, Fred Charles Harp, Harold Lee, Wm. C. Pierce, Wm. A. Russell, Smith C. Wheeler, Stanley R. Wallace, J. P. Vair.

No. 22. Willis Alguire, Charles Baker, John Baker, J. C. Carruthers, A. M. Halliday, M. McGuire, F. M. Scott, Jos. W. Saunders.

No. 24. Robert B. Brown, Howard G. Burton, Ernest G. Cross, Jacob Ericker, Arthur H. Goetz, John H. Kenner, Albert E. Levan, Alex. F. MacLaren, Wm. A. Morrison, Charles E. Nasmyth, Charles E. Purdy, Ernest Roberts, Frank J. Rogers, Wm. W. Sanderson.

No. 26. Thomas D. Bowerman.

No. 30. A. R. Adams, Andrew Rougvie.

No. 31. James McDonald, J. Arnoldi Raynor.

No. 34. R. O. Alexander, W. D. Bothwell, J. W. Blair, Joseph Babb, Alex. Blair, J. Fowlie, I. B. Hart, J. Lowry, George Livingstone, S. W. Moley, F. M. Montgomery, R. G. Manure, T. S. Patterson, George Robinson, L. Roberts, M. J. Rogers, R. H. Robinson, E. A. Wakefield, J. D. White.

No. 35. Harry M. Isaac.

No. 37. John Blacklock, Wm. F. Clemesha, Henry T. Crocker, Noble E. Harness, James H. Montgomery, George Small, Owen J. B. Yearsley.

No. 41. John A. Haycock.

Chapter.

No. 44. Walter Adell Cavers, Wm. Child, Charles W. Stratton, Wm. Edward Stuart, Wm. Thornton Waller.

No. 47. Temple S. Boyle, Joseph Kime, Walter D. Philip, A. H. Skirving, W. H. Sparling.

No. 54. W. B. Kingsmill.

No. 59. Stephen A. Guild, Roy McDonald, Wm. L. McKenzie, Alex. L. Murray, Alfred H. Swarts, Rufus W. Smith, Wm. A. Young.

No. 61. Hugh Clarke, Wm. Kaufman, J. Ferguson Miller.

No. 62. John Cole, Ernest E. Graham, Thomas Hogg.

No. 63. Archibald R. Bell.

No. 64. Charles Collins, Marshall Doan, Wm. Doney, Harry Ford, J. Harrison Howell, Charles H. Hanson, George A. Laing, George H. Pettit, Frank C. Pitkin, Wm. D. Ross, Robert P. Smith, Jacob Stewart, Joseph W. Schwosh, Percy P. Skeen, Jesse Stewart, John Thurston, W. W. Vanevery, Robert E. Waugh.

No. 67. George A. Fawcett, W. J. Greer, Wm. McEwan, J. A. McGill, C. O. Pengelly.

No. 70. August Briese, Charles G. Mills, Frederick W. Mills, Fred P. Walton.

No. 73. Duncan Cochrane, Arthur P. Ridley.

No. 75. John H. Argyle, Wm. Ernest Hollwell, Arthur Winn.

No. 77. S. H. Armstrong, J. J. Brennan, H. Barry, P. W. Coltman, Thomas Eibbitt, S. L. W. Fear, A. N. Garratt, Frank Hamilton, W. C. Hunter, A. J. Jackson, Wm. Johnston, D. McCrorie, C. L. Owens, N. Quesnell, W. E. Ross, S. E. Skillen, E. Sinclair, Thomas Sanford, J. L. Wilson.

No. 79. E. H. Briggs, W. Brown, Robert Baldie, John E. Bible, J. E. Booth, J. Carter, M. T. Coumeuve, Alex. Darde, George Enfledew, Robert G. Fairhead, J. M. Gordon, George H. Lying, W. W. Leith, Thos. H. Martin, T. E. C. Moller, Charles S. O'Brien, J. H. Parsons, Thos. J. Parsons, Charles Snowdon, G. J. Steele, A. E. Slaney, R. H. Snyder.

No. 82. John Armstrong, Thomas McLeod, A. D. McMillan.

No. 83. Wm. Fleming, D. A. Hamilton, James Pickering, Alex. McElwain.

No. 84. Elmer Moore.

No. 86. Donald S. McKinnon, Hugh F. McRae.

No. 90. Henry R. Frost, James Gibson, Roderick McLeod.

No. 91. Robert J. Allan, Nelson W. Brady, Duncan O. Cameron, Victor A. Harshaw, Charles Martin, Frederick S. Riches, Robert Sinclair, Frederick Tremble.

Chapter.

No. 98. Wm. M. Barnard, Milton D. Campbell, Percy Frazier, James McElney, Samuel McIntyre, Harry McIntyre, Charles F. Ward, Henry W. Welsh.

No. 100. George W. Preston.

No. 102. W. Eberts Brown, J. R. Hoover, Charles A. Kinnear, Walter Smith.

No. 103. R. G. Godfrey, George A. Knowlton, Trevor H. Lowry, M. C. McCaw, James Smith, Swan Swanson.

No. 113. William Clayton.

No. 115. Robert Bain.

No. 117. J. W. Millar, H. D. McKellar, M. Volkert, B. N. Walton.

No. 121. Norris O. Berve, Asa P. Brooks, George Carson, Ernest W. F. Harris, John Jackson, Edward Ripley, Robert G. Warnock.

No. 122. Joseph Ogden Athey, Wm. C. Martin.

No. 126. John H. Binns, Wm. Barrie, Peter Bell, Nicholas Charlton, Samuel Douglass, Wm. Edward Evans, George G. Kerr. Stephen S. Lloyd, Wm. Peter Morrison, John G. McIntosh, Robert H. MacMicking, Burnan O. Nason, Howard C. Price, James Rae.

No. 130. John McVittie, Kenneth Montgomery.

No. 133. E. L. Baker, L. W. Bolton, Charles Coghlan, B. A. Seely, Robert Simpson.

No. 135. Charles A. Hiscox, Clarence W. Hellems, Henry Wm. Madill, James McKee, Wm. H. Robinson.

No. 136. Wm. C. Baker, George Currie, John R. Frank, James Hay, David S. Hughes, George W. Leech, John Menzies, Wm. J. McLaughlin, Alex. McDonagh, John C. Watson.

No. 140. George Kidd, John Wilson.

No. 143. John R. Moffat.

No. 145. W. J. Ferris.

No. 146. Jacob Sieburger.

No. 148. D. F. McRae.

No. 149. A. Lamb, J. Redpath.

No. 150. Charles R. Ayars, John H. Fowler, John A. Ferguson, Wm. F. J. Grimmond, Thomas Knowles, James F. Lawson, Geo. M. Nestason, Chester Sampson, Benjamin E. Taylor, Lewis E. Tillson, John L. Whitehead.

No. 154. Lionel G. Bennet, Wm. Henry Campbell, Bertram B. Pinkerton, Albert Sanders.

No. 157. John A. Becker, Samuel Bartholomew, John T. Duncan, John Dilworth, Thomas H. Haugh, Henry B Meansette, F. Pyman.

Chapter.

No. 158. Frank J. McKeown.

No. 159. George Blake, Dennis Charles Burke.

No. 162. Wm. A. Counes, G. R. Cone, Thomas Caswell, Fred Clithror, John S. Diemert, Wm. H. Duff, Thomas Doughly, Wm. G. Frances, Robert J. Hawthorn, Calvin Hammond, Reginald S. Henderson, Alex Johnson, Benjamin Langmore, Albert K. Markson, Charles M. Mullin, James M. Martin, Herbert McBratney, Albert McCall, James A. McQuatt, Wm. H. McCutcheon, Robert Pyne, Charles M. Pannell, Alexander Ross, James B. Swanson, Walter E. Seaborn.

No. 164. John A. McColl, Duncan McPhail.

No. 165. W. G. Bell, C. G. Brunel, J. Black, T. Davis, P. J. Fowler, F. H. Halland, C. F. Hayes, S. Leslie, J. F. Lester, J. Manley, D. B. McKenzie, D. A. Sutherland, W. S. Walker.

No. 177. E. S. Ambrose, J. D. Hull.

No. 178. John Christiansen, Fred B. Deacon, Wilbert J. Greer, Vernor W. Smith.

No. 179. Gains Allen, W. A. Ackland, R. C. Bruce, H. R. Bolton, W. R. Howson, Sidney Houlton, James Holmes, W. F. W. Lent, W. J. McLeod, D. W. McMillan, D. J. McCutcheon, A. Matthews, W. E. Mercer, J. R. Peacock, James W. Place, J. F. Rogers, Thos. Rankin, C. E. Simpson, W. M. Sage, S. G. Taylor, Alfred W. Trickey, C. J. Walker. Joshua Whealer.

No. 182. George H. Brooke, Edgar Choate, Cameron StC. Corbin, Rugles W. Cummings, Thomas R. Hill, Albert E. Thompson.

No. 186. Robert R. Anderson.

No. 187. John Drave, J. F. Pratt, Charles R. Ross.

No. 190. Dougall A. Acorn, Almon C. Blake, John E. Durham, Percy Frazier, George S. Grant, T. F. Jinks, Arthur E. Lewis, Henry W. Merkley, Harry M. McIntyre, Wm. McLachlan, Wm. S. McDonald, Edwin L. Smith, Harry W. Welsh, Albert R. Wilson.

No. 198. D. McDonald, Herbert J. Thompson, John White.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 2. Frank Nelles Chapman.

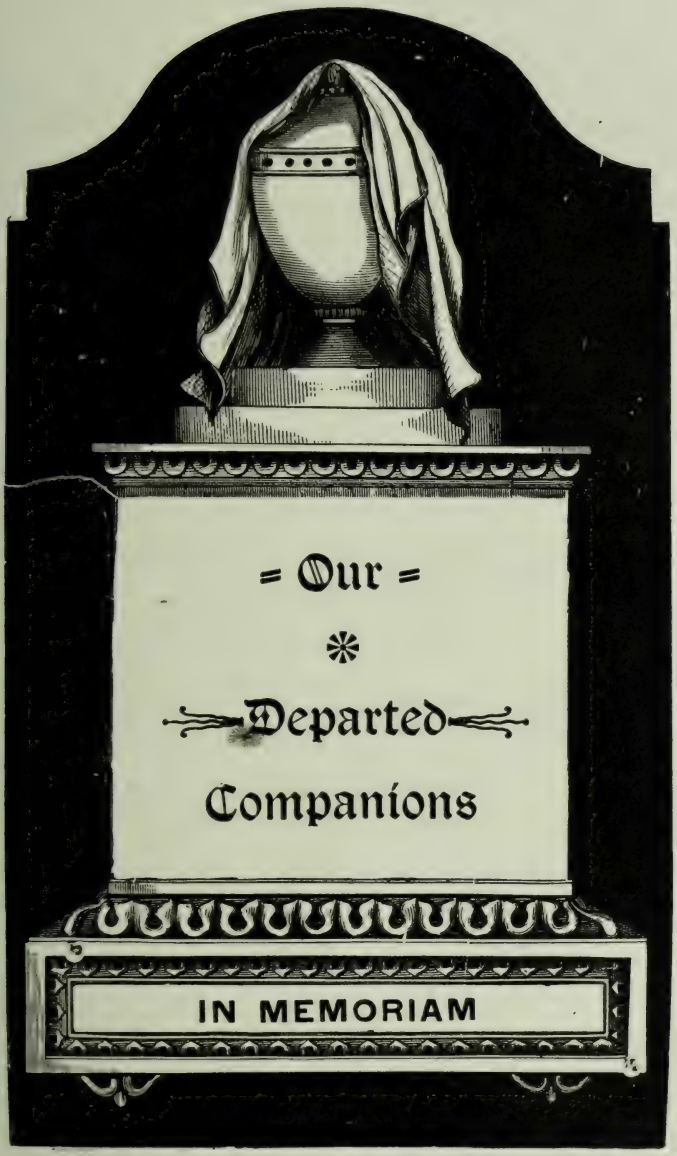
No. 8. John D. Bland.

No. 27. J. W. Rose.

No. 36. W. A. Noble.

No. 53. Joseph E. Thompson.

Chapter.
No. 55. Wm. James Logan.
No. 56. Frank Byron Fenwick.
No. 66. H. W. Cresswell.
No. 72. Jacob F. Kennedy, I. A. Eby, Wm. F. Nonter, George M. Wright, James McComb.
No. 74. Charles V. Winter.
No. 76. Stephen B. Crane, Hugh H. Wilson.
No. 78. Wm. James Brander.
No. 88. John French.
No. 90. James Gibson.
No. 91. George W. Boughton, Frederick Wm. Halls.
No. 102. Job Dudley.
No. 106. Wm. Murray Connacher, Harry James Robie.
No. 121. Wm. Bardshaw Tate.
No. 122. Alexander Weir.
No. 145. Frederick Marks.
No. 146. Walter S. Hearns.
No. 182. Isaac Byers.
No. 186. George G. Smith.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Departed
Companions
IN MEMORIAM

R. EX. COMPANION

Aubrey White, C.M.G.

GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL, 1915

Grand Representative—North Carolina

DIED 14th JULY, 1915

TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

George F. Shepley, K.C.

PAST GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL—1896-8

Grand Representative—District of Columbia

DIED 16th JANUARY, 1916

TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

William Robert McCormack

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

WILSON DISTRICT No. 3—1908

DIED 27th JULY, 1915

BRANTFORD, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Richard Mahoney, Sr.

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 4—1894-5

Grand Representative—Florida

DIED 27th OCTOBER, 1915

GUELPH, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

William Oelschlager

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 4—1905

DIED 26th NOVEMBER, 1915

BERLIN, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

William H. Speers

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 5—1901

DIED 6th FEBRUARY, 1915

OAKVILLE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

James Might

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 6—1870

DIED 26th JANUARY, 1915

PORT HOPE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Thomas L. M. Tipton

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 7—1888

DIED 8th AUGUST, 1915

DUNNVILLE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

John W. Fenton

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 13—1910

DIED 28th JANUARY, 1916

OTTAWA, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

George A. Coulter

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

MANITOBA W. DISTRICT No. 15a—1913-4

DIED 15th SEPTEMBER, 1915

HARTNEY, MAN.

R. EX. COMPANION

W. H. McFadden, K.C.

PAST GRAND SCRIBE N.—1901

DIED 20th JANUARY, 1916

BRAMPTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

John Nettleton

PAST GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER—1887

DIED 9th JANUARY, 1916

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

Col. Fred S. Sneath

GRAND SENIOR SOJOURNER—1915

DIED 8th JULY, 1915

BARRIE, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

James Edwin Merriman

MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—1915

Past Grand Junior Sojourner—1913

DIED 2nd NOVEMBER, 1915

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.

Deaths

Chapter.

No. 2. William Alfred Turk, Feb. 10, 1915; James McCaw, April 10, 1915; Alexander Smith, June 5, 1915; Andrew Esson, Oct. 7, 1915; John Thacker, Nov. 4, 1915.

No. 4. William Edgerton Smith, 28 July, 1915; John Hugh McKinnon, 28 April, 1915; George Massey, 1 May, 1915; J. H. Wallace, 10 April, 1915; John W. Wetheridge, 15 Dec., 1915.

No. 5. E. G. Howey, 29 May, 1915; P. F. Maylord, 31 Oct., 1915; John A. Sommerville, 9 Sept., 1915; S. Chiera, 15 Feb., 1915.

No. 6. William Forbes, 17 Feb., 1915; Charles R. Smith, 26 June, 1915; Edman Brown, 17 Sept., 1915; Arthur H. Mawson, 1 July, 1915; John K. Minchew, 8 June, 1915; Alfred Barnard, 31 May, 1915; George O. Gallagher, 29 Aug., 1915.

No. 7. William Mallock, 17 Jan., 1915; William Allan Pringle, 15 Sept., 1915; Ivan Stewart Hegles, 26 Sept., 1915; Cancel Thomas Docter, 5 Dec., 1915.

No. 8. J. W. Varnell, 5 Aug., 1915; S. Stephenson, Nov., 1915; John H. Edmunds, 8 Dec., 1915.

No. 15. Wm. J. Ward, 10 Aug., 1915; Charles Cooper, 16 Nov., 1915; James Kerr, 12 Dec., 1915.

No. 16. John Robertson, 4 Feb., 1915; Harold Douglas Johnson, 7 Sept., 1915.

No. 19. Albert Chatfield, 30 July, 1915; Charles Burde, 25 Sept., 1915; Charles H. Connor, 30 June, 1915; William W. Gourlay, 16 March, 1915; James Edwin Merriman, 2 Nov., 1915.

Deaths

Chapter.

No. 20. Norman Church, 1915; William Rob McCormack, 27 July, 1915.

No. 23. William P. Kelly, 21 Feb., 1915; George F. Counter, 28 Nov., 1915.

No. 24. David Ellis Agnew, 29 March, 1915; Alfred C. Saults, 20 Feb., 1915; John George Hess, 28 Feb., 1915; John R. Ross, 22 March, 1915.

No. 26. Louis L. Abbott, 1 Aug., 1915; William Bowen, 15 July, 1915; E. A. Peck, 25 June, 1915.

No. 29. Thomas L. M. Tipton, 8 Aug., 1915; W. H. Montague, 13 Nov., 1915; John Adam Scholfield, 30 Oct., 1915.

No. 30. Henry Bolton, 7 March, 1915; William J. Thomas, 14 Oct., 1915.

No. 31. James D. Stinson, 7 April, 1914; Dr. Harry H. Post, 15 Feb., 1915.

No. 34. J. M. Bothwell, Jan., 1915; G. G. Smith, 26 Dec., 1914; M. Webb, July, 1915; E. A. Wood, 8 Aug., 1915; John Ross, 1914; Fred S. Sneath, 8 July, 1915.

No. 37. James Might, 26 Jan., 1915; Charles H. Winslow, 3 Aug., 1915.

No. 40. Richard Mahoney, Sr., 27 Oct., 1915.

No. 41. David Dorcherty Morgan, 26 Oct., 1915.

No. 44. James Sexsmith, 31 May, 1915; Alfred Alexander, 1 June, 1915.

No. 45. George Flutter, 20 Aug., 1915; Stephen Henry Scripture, 13 June, 1915.

No. 46. William Reid, 21 Sept., 1915.

Deaths

Chapter.

No. 47. William Nelson Gallagher, 20 March, 1915; Michael Houston, 11 April, 1915.

No. 48. David Cranston, 30 March, 1915.

No. 52. John James Erskine, 27 Sept., 1915; James McNeil, June, 1915; John Leslie, 13 Feb., 1915.

No. 53. Romeyn Lawyer, 6 March, 1915; John Gaskell, 5 Dec., 1915.

No. 54. James E. Potts, 28 Feb., 1915; Robert McCully, 7 May, 1915; S. A. Patticary, 4 June, 1915; William G. Cooper, 11 June, 1915; Dugald McGill, 10 Aug., 1915; W. H. Ingram, 12 Sept., 1915.

No. 55. Richard Briggs, Sept., 1915.

No. 56. John McCauley, 11 March, 1915; James Franklin Maher, 20 May, 1915.

No. 58. Joseph Rowan Robinson, 16 Jan., 1915.

No. 59. George H. Weatherhead, 23 April, 1915.

No. 60. William Henry Birchard, July, 1915; Walter Collis, 16 Oct., 1915.

No. 62. Andrew Muckle, 15 Jan., 1915; Harry W. Joselin, Aug., 1915; Alfred J. Ruthven, 28 Aug., 1915.

No. 64. Frederick R. Lay, 18 Aug., 1915.

No. 65. W. Howard Chandler, Dec., 1914; Aubrey White, 14 July, 1915; Anthony Wilks Croft, 6 Nov., 1915; George N. Higinbotham, March, 1915.

No. 66. Duncan J. McCallum, 3 Nov., 1915; Charles C. Rance, 4 Oct., 1915.

Deaths

Chapter.

No. 69. William Forbes, 16 Feb., 1915; A. E. Kimmons, 22 April, 1915; Pelham Falconbridge, 10 Oct., 1915.

No. 70. James John Jardine, 11 April, 1915.

No. 75. John Leslie, 13 Feb., 1915.

No. 76. John W. Bottomley, 23 June, 1915; James A. Montgomery, Aug., 1915; Robert H. Woodruff, 27 March, 1915.

No. 77. J. Harvey Hall, 5 July, 1915; William Leach, 27 Aug., 1915; Robert M. Larter, 11 July, 1915; A. McGregor, 1915.

No. 79. George W. Cutter, Oct., 1915; John James McQuillan, Nov., 1915; William J. Chick, Dec., 1915.

No. 80. William Wort Meacham, 23 Nov., 1915.

No. 81. John McDonald, 16 May, 1915.

No. 82. Arthur H. Brown, 12 April, 1915; William H. Hoskin, 30 March, 1915; Richard McNabb, 2 May, 1915; Joseph R. McDonald, 26 June, 1915; Thomas Pritchard, 12 Oct., 1915.

No. 83. George Wilcox, 17 Dec., 1915.

No. 91. Henry F. Falkiner, 4 July, 1915; Herbert Clarence Parker, 20 Dec., 1915.

No. 98. Richard H. Alexander, 29 Jan., 1915; James Neish, 1915; George Pigrum Bowie, July, 1915; Donald Moore, July, 1915.

No. 100. William Henry Harrison, 22 June, 1915.

No. 101. John Hawkshaw, 7 Oct., 1915; A. F. Goodell, 11 Oct., 1915; M. H. Prosser, 24 March, 1915.

Deaths

Chapter.

No. 103. J. A. McNaughton, 1915; H. B. McVittie, 20 Feb., 1915.

No. 104. William H. Speers, 6 Feb., 1915.

No. 110. Alexander Wiatherson, 3 July, 1915.

No. 112. Allan John Marsh, 6 Dec., 1915.

No. 114. James E. H. Barnet, 5 Oct., 1915; James Reid, 21 Nov., 1915.

No. 115. John Shaw, 1915.

No. 116. James K. Simpson, 2 Sept., 1915.

No. 117. William Oelschlager, 26 Nov., 1915.

No. 118. W. G. Ibbotson, 1915; R. B. Chadwick, 1915.

No. 121. Torquil McLeod, 2 Dec., 1915; James Brownlee, 26 Feb., 1912; Edgar M. Storey, 23 Aug., 1914.

No. 124. Charles Samuel Keith, 4 April, 1915; Alexander Archibald Cruickshanks, 6 May, 1915; Robert Sayer, 23 June, 1915; John Alexander Lewis, 9 Nov., 1915; Fletcher Shaw, 7 Dec., 1915.

No. 125. Andrew Benjamin Grace, 11 Dec., 1915.

No. 127. James Crossan, 18 April, 1915; Alexander C. Anderson, 11 Dec., 1915.

No. 129. John A. Macdonald, 27 Aug., 1915.

No. 131. David Huether, 3 Oct., 1915.

No. 132. James Reid, 2 March, 1915; J. F. Chapman, 21 July, 1915.

No. 136. James Drysdale Allan, 11 Nov., 1915; Archibald St. Clair McGregor, 8 March, 1915.

Deaths

Chapter.

No. 138. Albert E. Sharpe, 14 July, 1915.

No. 139. Claude Watson, 1915.

No. 140. William J. Huston, 3 Feb., 1915.

No. 141. Philip Williams, 21 March, 1915.

No. 143. Roderick McLennan, Nov., 1915.

No. 144. John Brews, 4 Oct., 1915.

No. 145. Arthur Pearson, 9 Dec., 1915; W. D. Earngey, 25 March, 1915; Frank Hague, 10 June, 1915; R. T. Ramsay, 16 March, 1915; C. C. Rance, 2 Oct., 1915.

No. 147. Angus McDonald, 13 May, 1915.

No. 149. George Steeman, 7 Aug., 1915.

No. 150. John R. Clunis, 30 Nov., 1915.

No. 151. Joseph R. Robinson, 16 Jan., 1915.

No. 153. John Gibb, 11 March, 1915.

No. 154. Eugene Fischer, 15 April, 1915; John Watt, 4 Oct., 1915.

No. 156. Arthur G. Murrell-Wright, 20 Jan., 1915; William A. Miller, 7 April, 1915; George Blackstock McNeil, 14 Sept., 1915; George Albert Coulter, 15 Sept., 1915.

No. 157. Walter Robert Pooley, 23 April, 1915.

No. 158. Peter Carruthers, 9 April, 1915; John Jones, 13 Dec., 1915; E. E. Reynolds, 1909.

No. 160. George Thomas Robb, 4 Sept., 1915; George Alfred Masterman, 1915.

Deaths

Chapter.

No. 161. John Calvin Bell, 27 Feb., 1915; Wesley Ried, 30 April, 1915.

No. 162. Henry Sikes, 30 May, 1915; William Smith Baxter, 16 July, 1915.

No. 163. George H. Bird, 5 July, 1915; William James Ward, 1 Aug., 1915.

No. 165. Richard F. Preston, Aug., 1915.

No. 167. A. McAuley, 23 April, 1915.

No. 168. Frederick Ethelbert Benor, 8 Dec., 1915.

No. 169. Donald J. McCosh, 25 March, 1915.

No. 174. Maurice Vetter, 10 June, 1915.

No. 178. Donald M. Moore, 20 May, 1915.

No. 179. G. M. Haven, 15 Nov., 1915; Alexander Moir, 1915.

No. 182. Stephen C. Court, 24 Sept., 1915.

No. 185. Alexander S. Nicol, 1915; James H. Purchase, 4 Sept., 1915; James H. Wallace, 27 March, 1915.

No. 187. Stanley Hall Mitchell, 8 April, 1915.

No. 191. Job Walter Hughes, 6 April, 1915.

No. 194. Alexander MacDonald Whyte, 24 Feb., 1915. Christopher B. Nicholl, 30 July, 1915.

No. 197. William M. B. Robertson, 28 March, 1915.

No. 198. Edward A. Wood, 8 Aug., 1915.

No. 200. David S. Howe, 22 July, 1915.

No. 203. Arthur Jones, 24 Nov., 1915.

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"Lord Kitchener appreciates wonderfully the patriotic way in which the Canadians have come forward to fight for the country and the splendid manner in which they have fought in France."
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HONOR ROLL.

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The names of the Companions who have been reported to the Grand Scribe E.'s office as having enlisted for active overseas service are subjoined.

It will be noticed that among the names of the Companions mentioned will appear some who have died in upholding the honor of the British Empire.

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. W. T. Connell, M.D.; Comps. Capt. A. W. Winnett, M.D.; Capt. George Bawden, Capt. J. McD. Mowat, Capt. L. C. Lockett, Capt. W. H. Gimblett, Lieut. Leonard H. Birkett, Lieut. James Leckie, Sergt. Thomas King, Corp. Edmond H. Birkett, Pte. W. Charles, Pte. A. G. Sinclair (killed in action).

The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, Ont.—Ex. Comp. E. E. Linger, Comps. Sam Cridge Troubridge, C. A. McBride, A. P. Whitney, Wm. Brine, Alex. Barclay, John Campbell, S. L. Eisenhofer, A. J. McVittie, N. D. Stapley, Chester S. Walters.

St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Wilson, Ex. Comp. A. E. Somerville, Comps. A. W. Kelly, C. G. Carlton, H. J. Stephens, A. R. Skelton, J. E. Middleton, J. J. L. Ardiel, J. Hart.

St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, No. 4, Toronto, Ont.—Comps. Major Wm. Baillie, Sgt.-Major B. J. Miller, Quartermaster-Sgt. H. Taylor, Sergt. A. W. Wardill, Corp. George Cameron, Sapper George Chapman.

St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London, Ont.—Ex. Comps. Frank D. Millar, M. B. Percival; Comps. Dr. Lenord H. Douglass, Alex. P. Alford, Fred H. Bowen, Robt. W. Earrith, Charles R. Furness, H. L. Milligan, Charles McGeary, Charles H. Ward, Clifford Reason, John George Green, Harry William Burrow, Roy Clifford Simpson.

St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton, Ont.—Ex. Comps. J. W. Bell, J. G. Duns, G. D. Farmer; Comps. H. C. Treneman, E. S. Palmer, C. R. T. Fessenden, A. C. Pearce, J. C. Smith, A. Dodds, W.R. B. Chaloner, F. Lawrence, A. V. Sutton, F. H. Baker, A. H. Noble.

The Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, Ont.—Comps. Capt. Dr. Perry Gladstone Goldsmith, Capt. William Henry Hudson, Capt. Henry S. Clapp, Capt. William Stuart, Charles M. Sprague.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Major D. A. Clark, M.D.; Comps. Capt. H. S. Cooper, Capt. R. A. Donald, Lieut. W. A. Child, Lieut. W. G. Gowland, Quartermaster-Sgt. S. N. Francis, Corp. F. W. Tetley, Corp. Arthur H. Smith, Ptes. W. H. Bateson, E. W. Barber, R. J. Coley.

Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia, Ont.—Comps. Lieut.-Col. R. I. Towers, Capt. W. A. Henderson, M.D.; Lieut. Harry Beresford.

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, Ont.—Comps. L. E. Allen, S. M. Rogers, T. H. Picton, F. H. Honeywell, F. M. Mix.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, Ont.—Comp. J. B. Jupp, M.D.

Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. J. S. Campbell, Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. F. C. McCordick, Comps. Major W. Hamilton Merritt, Capt. Henry B. Burgoyne.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, Ont.—Comps. Edward McDonald, David Miller, Thomas Anderson, Samuel Seago, George Bloomfield.

Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott, Ont.—Comp. Herbert Tripp.

Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Surgeon W. A. McIntosh, Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. L. F. Aiken, Ex. Comp. Capt. A. H. Paulin, Comp. Lieut. Walter B. Durward.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, No. 24, STRATFORD, ONT.—Ex. Comps. T. A. Voyce, John A. Kennedy, Comps. W. C. Bradshaw, T. G. Delamere, H. J. Coghill, J. L. Youngs, Alex. Cameron, J. C. Stabler, A. H. Montieth, W. Hayter.

ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, No. 26, TRENTON, ONT.—Comps. A. E. Bywater, R. C. Titus, O. G. Alyea, J. L. McLean, J. H. Sills, Wm. Ingham.

MANITOU CHAPTER, No. 27, COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—Comps. Major S. McLelland, Sgt.-Major J. Johnston, Lieut. W. D. T. Atkinson, Ernest Walker.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER, No. 28, OSHAWA, ONT.—Comp. R. Cecil Cowan.

McCALLUM CHAPTER, No. 29, DUNNVILLE, ONT.—Comps. E. S. Baxter, J. P. Cowles, C. A. M. Thrush, Chester J. Martindale.

HURON CHAPTER, No. 30, GODERICH, ONT.—Ex. Comp. Major H. C. Dunlop, Comps. Major C. E. Sale, W. L. Yule.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, No. 31, PICTON, ONT.—Comps. Lieut.-Col. Milton K. Adams, Capt. Sidney J. Gilmour, Lieut. D. S. Ainsworth, William Gordon Werden (wounded).

WATERLOO CHAPTER, No. 32, GALT, ONT.—Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. A. J. Oliver, Comp. Major J. N. McRae.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 34, BARRIE, ONT.—R. Ex. Comp. A. Cowan, Ex. Comps. Col. J. B. McPhee, Lieut. R. W. Stewart, H. E. Jory, Comps. John Ochs, Frank Knight, W. C. Towers, J. Preece, H. M. Jupp, D. W. B. Spry.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 35, WHITBY, ONT.—Ex. Comp. Capt. George W. P. Every.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 36, PETERBOROUGH, ONT.—Comps. Majors R. M. Dinnistoun, S. T. Medd, R. P. Watt, Dr. G. S. Cameron, Capts. C. H. Ackerman, Geo. Brisco, Keith G. Lech, Dr. A. D. McPherson, Lieuts. A.

T. Lefevre, Dr. V. H. McWilliams, G. K. Rackham, Claude Rogers, Quartermaster-Sgts. R. G. Cottrell, J. Fred Reed, Sergt.-Major Hurrell Dodds, Pte. W. A. Noble.

Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Robert Wallace Smart, Comp. Pte. Norman L. Yelland.

Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph, Ont.—Comp. Sgt. Peter Charlton.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee, Ont.—Ex. Comp. G. P. Reiffenstein, Comps. E. W. Rathbun, C. M. Stratton, S. D. Wagar.

St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Mary's, Ont.—Comps. Herbert Crawford Sharp, Albert Edward Palmer, Walter Leslie.

Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham, Ont.—Comps. E. N. Fremlin, W. N. Gallougher (killed March 20, 1915), H. A. G. Willoughby.

St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg, Ont.—Ex. Comps. Lieut.-Col. John W. Odell, Lieut. Dr. John R. Irvine, Comp. Gunner W. S. Norris.

Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, Winnipeg, Man.—Comps. John Barter, Walter Jeanes, Russell M. McLeod, Robert M. Simpson, Charles S. Shipman, George B. Williams, George A. Williams, Henry S. R. Warwick.

Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia, Ont.—Comps. John Charles Reid, John Wesley Hall.

Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. E. W. Honsinger (Dentist), Comps. Fred Guest, M.D., W. A. Burns (Dentist), J. M. Nettleton, M.D., W. G. Davies, W. H. Bailey, E. W. Ramey, H. E. Tylar, T. H. May, R. J. Anderson, James Urquhart, C. L. Spittler.

Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound, Ont.—Comps. Capt. D. R. Dobie, Capt. J. H. Brownlees, Willard Malone, E. E. Miller.

King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne, Ont.—Comp. Donald McNevin.

Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville, Ont.—Comps. Capt. Herbert H. Edwards, Albert L. Kearns, David Miles, E. C. H. Moore, Fred L. Barclay, Allan S. Connor.

Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket, Ont.—Comp. Robert Harrison.

York Chapter, No. 62, Eglinton, Ont.—Comps. Capt. G. R. N. Collins, Edward Brown (Royal Aviation Corps), Pte. J. Argue.

Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine, Ont.—Comps. H. L. Collins, M.D., J. G. McLeod, M.D.

Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Col. J. E. Cohoe, Comps. Major Donald Sharp, Lieut. G. B. Ross, Dr. G. M. Davis, E. D. Hooker.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, Ont.—Ex. Comps. Lieut.-Col. John A. Shaw, Comps. Lieut.-Col. Wallace Scott, Lieut.-Col. John T. Clarke, Majors D. Douglas Young, Geo. M. Higginbotham (deceased), C. C. Wansborough, W. C. Michell, Capts. W. D. Greer, A. D. Armour, J. B. Jupp, Lieuts. J. D. Warren, H. E. Ridout, E. N. Armour, P. E. Boyd, W. E. V. Shaw, Quartermaster-Sergt. Charles S. McCollum.

The Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. Major R. S. Hays, Comps. Capt. H. H. Hodgins, C. E. Dowding, J. N. Gunn.

Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston, Ont.—Comp. Major C. E. Livingstone.

Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby, Ont.—Comps. A. E. Kimmons(killed), R. T. Johnson, E. S. Johnson.

Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Bracebridge, Ont.—Comp. Dr. Peter McGibbon, A.M.C.

Prince of Wales, No. 71, Amherstburg, Ont.—Comp. Hugh Johnson.

Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy, Ont.—Comp. Capt. Fred W. Jay.

St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton, Ont.—Ex. Comp. C. E. Robertson (Aviation Corps), Comp. N. M. Campbell.

Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls, Ont. —Comps. Fred J. Anderson, D. A. R. Cameron, J. M. Grindlay, J. J. Harriman, F. W. Hill, J. E. P. Rothwell, J. W. Bottomley (killed in action in East Africa), A. B. Robertson.

Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto, Ont.—Comps. Major A. C. Larter, Capt. A. McGregor (missing), Capt. J. S. Legge, Lieut. W. D. Sprinks, D.S.O., Lieut. W. H. Sharpe, Sergts. W. G. D. Duguid (prisoner), W. G. Giles, R. H. Cuthbert, A. Green, A. W. McConnell, A. J. Jackson, Dr. J. H. Wood, Corps. S. G. Newdick, J. Cottrill, Ptes. H. Hirst, W. F. Munro, W. G. Self, A. Ross, H. Dowie, J. Atkinson, Fred Hopkinson, Frank Sheridan, W. Haslam, J. G. Bell, G. H. Woodburn, Seaman H. Newcombe, G. H. Furness, H. Carey.

Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill, Ont.—Ex. Comps. Dr. G. W. Racey, D. C. Wilson, Comp. W. D. Brand.

Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto, Ont.—Comp. Alfred Henry Jones.

Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor, Ont.—Comps. Fred Laing Lodge, Ernest S. Wigle, Claude Wellington Pike.

Aylmer Chapter, No. 81, Aylmer, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Lieut. Dr. H. L. Douglas, Comps. Rev. J. M. McGillivray (Chaplain), Lieut. L. F. Clark, Capt. George Stewart.

Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, Ont.—Comps. Claude Street, Walter Gordon, Alfred Wallace, George H. Otto, Charles Wm. McLean, Edwin Shellard, Frank Rowe, Fred W. Thorogood.

IONIC CHAPTER, No. 83, ORANGEVILLE, ONT.—R. Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. J. A. V. Preston, Comp. B. E. Matthews.

MACPHERSON CHAPTER, No. 86, MEAFORD, ONT.—Comp. Dr. Joseph Jordan.

MACNABB CHAPTER, No. 88, DRESDEN, ONT.—Comps. Capt. R. D. Black, Capt. Harold G. McVean.

GOLDEN CHAPTER, No. 90, KENORA, ONT.—R. Ex. Comp. Major Dr. N. Schnarr, Comps. Lieuts. H. W. Echlin, G. C. Hay, F. P. Edwards, A. P. Miller, George Kidd.

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VANCOUVER CHAPTER, No. 98, VANCOUVER, B.C.—Comps. Col. J. Duff Stuart, Major Jas. Sclater, Capt. Frederick Bayliss, Capt. G. M. Endacott, R. Ex. Comp. Lieut. J. H. Roaf., Ex. Comps. Donald M. Moore (killed in action), Rev. A. L. Burch, Comps. Ptes. George P. Bowie (killed in action), J. A. Fraser, C. E. King, E. S. Morgan, R. McMahon, Frank Smith, G. A. Watson, T. E. L. Taylor, H. W. Pyatt, H. G. D. Kemp, J. Hucheon, R. D. Thompson.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 99, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—Comps. A. C. Williams, F. G. Taylor, C. D. McPherson, A. L. Hamilton, H. A. Gordon, A. J. Pollitt.

ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, No. 100, BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Comps. Lieut.-Col. Charles T. Wilkinson, Majors Dr. F. B. Carron, A. W. Grey, Capt. C. E. McLean, Sergt. H. H. Vance, Ptes. J. E. Cleland, J. W. McEwan, C. A. Donaldson.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 101, BOISSEVAIN, MAN.—Ex. Comp. John R. Hutchinson.

Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—Comps. A. H. Hugill, J. E. McLurg (wounded and prisoner of war), Joseph Hobbs, C. M. McCreath, R. J. Aitkin, W. D. Battersby, J. J. Carrick, Don. M. Hogarth.

St. John's Chapter, No. 103, North Bay, Ont.—Comp. G. P. Vollmer.

White Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville, Ont.—Comp. Arthur V. Stanton.

Alberta Chapter, No. 106, Calgary, Alta.—R. Ex. Comps. Lieut.-Cols. Dr. George MacDonald, W. C. Armstrong, Majors H. J. Robie, G. H. Hogbin, Comps, Major Reginald Stewart, Capts. P. A. Moore, W. W. Piper, Clarence H. Lougheed, A. D. Conners, H. M. Splane, Robert Pearsons, J. A. Birch, F. B. Cooper, Dr. R. B. O'Sullivan, Lieuts. Wm. F. Seaton, Charles A. Bateman, J. S. Martin, D'Arcy Niblock, J. Moxam, Ptes. A. N. Armstrong, H. F. Morley, Clarence Medley, J. R. Manson, E. C. Thom.

Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth, Ont.—Comp. J. N. Richards, M.D., Major J. Macoun.

Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall, Ont.—Comps. Col. H. A. Morgan, Capts. F. J. Cameron, S. M. Gray, Lieut. F. D. Raymond.

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King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington, Ont. —Ex. Comp. Capt. R. Hillier, M.D., Comp. W. A. Burgess, M.D.

Wascana Chapter, No. 121, Regina, Sask.—Comps. Lieut.-Col. R. A. Carman, Majors R. H. Read, J. McAra, G. H. Marsh, F. J. James, Capts. L. V. Kerr, D. S. Tamblyn, J. F. Anderson, F. G. Arnold, J. A. Cullum, Lieut. J. C. Meade, Sergt.-Major W. F. Whebell, Ptes. G. S. Bealson, J. Macklen, A. J. Dines.

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Assiniboia Chapter, No. 126, Medicine Hat, Alta.—Comps. Norman L. Robson, William R. Simmonds, Oswald Beeton, Deighton R. Ware, Lawrence T. Grace, Charles A. Krauss, Alfred J. Nicholson, A. W. Gleaves, H. Baker, H. W. Ireland, W. A. Williams, W. H. Williams, J. D. Wilson, J. L. Peard, James Bruce.

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Revelstoke Chapter, No. 128, Revelstoke, B.C.—Comps. Capts. J. H. M. D. Hamilton, W. W. Foster, Lieuts. T. E. L. Talor, M. P. Lane, Ptes. J. A. Campbell, Thomas Hope, J. S. H. Munro, T. H. Reade, T. C. Rea, J. D. Nicholson.

Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton, Ont. —Comps. Major George Nelson, D. D. McLeod, A. M. Christian.

Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Norman R. Gardiner, Comps. Morrison Acton, W. D. Wood.

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King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington, Ont. Comps. Major H. S. Cameron, Lieuts. Chas. G. Cowan, Howard Keslick.

Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Major David A. Clark, Comps. Lieut. Delbert Evans, Gunner W. Stanley Norris.

King Edward Chapter, No. 136, Neepawa, Man. —R. Ex. Comp. William Young, Comps. J. W. Bradley, W. S. Gordon.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, Toronto, Ont.— Comps. Dr. Charles Gilmore, Dr. Austin Evans, Lieut. J. G. Wright, J. Barber, P. Russell, A. Turriff, H. Wellwood.

Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William, Ont.—Comps. Col. E. R. Wayland, Majors J. E. Swinburne, Milton Francis, Ex. Comps. E. D. Higginbottom, E. H. North, R. H. Neeland, Comps. W. J. Huston (killed in action), D. Mans, John Ross, Hector McDonald.

Keystone Chapter, No. 141, Brandon, Man.— Comps. Majors C. J. Whillier, A. Havard, W. W. Donaldson, Capts. T. G. Finn, F. J. R. Whitchelo, W. G. Hopper, A. F. Campbell, Lieut. C. J. Mussell, Quartermaster-Sergt. H. M. Kerr.

Cyrus Chapter, No. 142, Cumberland, B.C.— Comp. John Milligan.

The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto, Ont. —Comps. A. G. Fletcher, W. J. Neil, W. H. Hedges, A. R. McMullin, C. McCurdy, W. J. McDonald, Thomas Piper, Raymond Walker, Jr.

BERNARD CHAPTER, No. 146, LISTOWEL, ONT.—Comp. John E. Lang.

ATWOOD CHAPTER, No. 149, RAINY RIVER, ONT.—Ex. Comp. G. Ross.

LONDON CHAPTER, No. 150, LONDON, ONT.—Comps. John A. Barnhill, George T. E. Martin, J. H. C. Woodward, Geo. White, John L. Richmond, John H. Townend, F. A. Taylor, E. M. McLean, George T. Studd, A. J. Cross, F. C. Hodges, R. H. Berry, Chester F. Pryce, F. M. Brickenden, E. R. Dingle, F. R. Shore.

ALBERTON CHAPTER, No. 152, FORT FRANCES, ONT.—Comps. P. A. Wright, L. H. Tucker, James Atkins.

KLONDIKE CHAPTER, No. 154, DAWSON, Y.T.—Comp. John Watt (killed in action, 4 Oct., 1915).

ANCASTER CHAPTER, No. 155, ANCASTER, ONT.—Ex. Comps. Major G. D. Farmer, Joseph G. Dunns, Comps. A. S. Armes, Wm. W. Irwin, John Pickard.

AVONDALE CHAPTER, No. 156, HARTNEY, MAN.—Comps. John Grant Rattray, Hubert Alexander Croll, Amslie Lunham Young.

OKANAGAN CHAPTER, No. 157, VERNON, B.C.—Comps. Majors R. J. Mutrie, J. T. Bardolph, Quartermaster-Sergt. F. Barnes.

SHEKINAH CHAPTER, No. 158, LETHBRIDGE, ALTA.—R. Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. A. C. Kemmis, Comps. Capt. C. Gibson, Joseph Bell, H. K. Lilburn (wounded in action and invalided out of service), R. W. Fairbrother, R. Lindsay, W. Scott, H. Moorehead, W. H. Smith.

GOLDEN WEST CHAPTER, No. 159, HIGH RIVER, ALTA.—Comps. R. L. Green, A. W. White, T. W. Ramsay.

PRINCE ALBERT CHAPTER, No. 160, PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.—Comps. Frank A. Creighton, James H. Lindsay, John P. Lyle, Wm. McDonald, John E. L. Richmond, William R. Thomson.

Moose Jaw Chapter, No. 162, Moose Jaw, Sask.—Comps. Dr. R. H. Smith, Dr. Wm. Brown, Walter W. DeRosseter, Herbert Snell, Alva C. Sipes, Edwin C. Scatchard.

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Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne, Ont.—Comp. Joseph Melbourne Kelly.

Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. R. Raikes, Ex. Comp. F. C. Macdonald, Comps. Joseph Sweeting (navy), C. T. Darling, E. A. Preston, D. L. McKeand, H. H. Keller.

Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford, Ont.—Comps. R. H. Bonnycastle, A. B. Colville, V. S. Collinson, R. H. Pearse, E. Williams.

Rabboni Chapter, No. 171, Dauphin, Man.—Comps. Dr. E. M. Vesey, Dr. Walter Ross, John Dent, Charles Wm. Shaw, Phillip Manby.

Weyburn Chapter, No. 173, Weyburn, Sask.—Ex. Comp. John Chisholm Underhill, Comps. Thomas Arthur Underwood, Herbert Charles Dazely.

Boundary Chapter, No. 174, Grand Forks, B.C.—Comps. Lieut. Richard G. Hargraves, Sergt. William J. Jory.

The Hamilton Chapter, No. 175, Hamilton, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Ernest Kelly, Comps. G. W. M. Ballard, Herbert Jones.

Bekah Chapter, No. 176, Macleod, Alta.—Comps. Capts. H. Donisthorpe, J. G. Graham, Lieuts. W. J. Moorehead, Thomas A. Murray, Signal-Sergt. B. C. Simmons, Driver Roy V. Grier.

Kether Chapter, No. 177, Pincher Creek, Alta.—Comps. F. M. Steele, Dr. Cooper Johnston, T. J. Cumberland, J. J. Gillespie, M.D.

KAIEN CHAPTER, No. 178, PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.—Ex. Comps. Major C. W. Peck (wounded), Capt. Don Moore (missing, believed dead), Comps. Capt. J. T. Wall, C.A.M.C., Sergt. R. W. Cameron, Sapper James M. Munnis, S. B. Johnson (Captain in navy).

OTUSKWAN CHAPTER, No. 179, CALGARY, ALTA.—Comps. Alexander Moir, William Charles Bruce, James Edward Mercer.

ESTEVAN CHAPTER, No. 180, ESTEVAN, SASK.—Comps. Capt. Samuel Dryden, Lieut. H. N. Scott, James Parkinson.

BATTLEFORD CHAPTER, No. 181, BATTLEFORD, SASK.—Comps. F. J. Surey, J. G Stephenson, P. Yule, R. E. Osborne.

CAMOSUN CHAPTER, No. 182, VICTORIA, B.C.—Ex. Comp. S. C. Court (killed in action), Comps. R. Foster, G. Bangerter, R. Peters, R. Morrison, W. S. Brown.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, No. 183, RIVERS, MAN.—Ex. Comp. Norman Ferguson.

TORONTO CHAPTER, No. 185, TORONTO, ONT.—Comps. Capts. Geo. P. Richardson, John M. Gibson, Lieuts. Arthur J. Everett, Ed. C. Johnston, Sergt. Wm. McCullagh, Corp. David F. Sykes, Thos. Windsor, Chas. Martin, R. F. Thomas.

UNITY CHAPTER, No. 186, SWIFT CURRENT, SASK.—Comp. Alexander John Grant.

CONNAUGHT CHAPTER, No. 187, WINNIPEG, MAN.—Comps. Lieut.-Col. Royal Burritt, Capts. T. Tyson Kirkby, C. S. Gunn, Lieuts. Stanley Hall Mitchell (died April 8th, 1915), Hector Louis Chalmers, William John Simpson, Sergts. William Thomas Davis, John Alex. McEwan.

PACIFIC CHAPTER, No. 190, VANCOUVER, B.C.—Comps. William Frisken, William Kennedy Murchie, James Alan Shafer, Ernest Seward Wilband.

NORTH VANCOUVER CHAPTER, No. 191, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.—Comps. Roy L. Wheeler, A. R. Kerwin, T. W. H. J. F. Rowe.

Trinity Chapter, No. 192, Melville, Sask.—Comps. F. I. Tanner, Chas. Bell.

Govan Chapter, No. 193, Govan, Sask.—Comp. D. L. Scott.

Orient Chapter, No. 194, Moosomin, Sask.—Comp. Lieut. C. B. Nicholl (killed in Flanders, July 30, 1915), Ex. Comp. Dr. R. T. McLaren, Comps. Robert Alec Buchan, A. F. MacKinnon.

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THE POSITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ALBERTA.

SUMMARY

On the 31st December, 1913, there were in the Province of Alberta fourteen Chapters, all, of course, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada; these Chapters had a total membership of 1,075.

On the 29th May, 1914, the number of Chapters was the same as above, and the membership approximately the same. On that day, a convention of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was held at Calgary. According to the minutes of that convention, as printed in the "Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, 1915," nine of the fourteen Alberta Chapters were represented in the convention. The following resolution was introduced—"that the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons now represented in this convention declare themselves to be and do hereby erect and establish the Supreme and Governing Body for Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta by the title of 'The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.'" Then, quoting again from the minutes: "A vote on the foregoing resolution by Chapters having been called, a majority of Chapters represented in the convention by their representatives voted in favor thereof." On the same day, as is stated in the "Proceedings," "The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta" was opened at the Masonic Temple in the City of Calgary. It appears that six Chapters, and six only, were represented. The organization was completed, the Grand Officers were installed, and the Grand Chapter, thus constituted, or not constituted, as many hold, was closed. The first Annual Convocation was held at Edmonton on the 10th March, 1915; seven Chapters were represented—all under names borne by constituent Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Canada; and these seven Chapters are given in the statistical table, found in the "Proceedings," as those composing the Grand Chapter, viz.: Alberta, North Star, Mount Horeb, Bekah, Otuskwan, Bow Valley, Calgary.

The total membership on the 31st December, 1914, is given as 775; the membership on the 31st May, 1914, as 747; increase, 28.

Recognition of the body thus formed or attempted to be formed was refused by the Grand Chapter of Canada, and 535 members who acknowledged the jurisdiction of the new body were suspended.

In three Chapters—Mount Horeb, Bow Valley, and Calgary—all the members seceded and were suspended; in the other four, some of the members remained loyal, and the Chapters continued to meet as before the schism, with, of course, reduced membership.

Four new Chapters have since been formed, and there are now fifteen loyal Chapters in Alberta.

The loyal Chapters are opposed to the formation at the present time of a Grand Chapter in Alberta.

The membership of the loyal Chapters on the 31st December, 1915, was 910.

Legal proceedings were instituted in Alberta for the purpose of recovering possession of the money and other property of the Chapters taken over by the seceders. In the case of Alberta Chapter, judgment for the return of the money and property was given in an action brought by the loyal members, contested, and tried out. Notice of appeal, however, was given; and, when the Grand Chapter of Canada met in February, 1916, the appeal had not been determined.

In regard to Bekah Chapter, a similar action was commenced, and a settlement was made between the parties locally, whereby the property is to be returned to the representatives of the old Chapter. In the case of the Otuskwan Chapter, an action was brought, in which the plaintiffs, the loyalists, obtained judgment by consent; the defendants, the seceders, handed over the property and paid the costs. A similar action is pending in the case of North Star Chapter, but has not yet been tried. No proceedings have as yet been taken against the members

of the other three Chapters—they, as recounted above, being unanimous in their adhesion to the new organization. Actions will, no doubt, if it becomes necessary, be brought in these cases also, in the name of the Grand Chapter of Canada as plaintiff.

This is a plain, unvarnished, statement of the position. It is unnecessary to elaborate the details; and the inferences and conclusions are so plain that every one can draw them for himself.

Signed { F. W. Harcourt.
E. B. Brown.
Henry T. Smith.

Toronto, March 14th, 1916.

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APPENDIX

REPORT ON
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:—

An undistinguished member of the Grand Chapter has been appointed by the Most Excellent Grand First Principal as the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to take the place, temporarily, of R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett, whose serious illness is much regretted by the Royal Craft in Canada and beyond. To fill the place, even temporarily, of so able and well-skilled a reviewer is a difficult task. The substitute has not found that the Giant's Robe readily accommodates itself to his lesser intellectual bulk. In all sincerity and humility he offers as his best the following account of the doings of such of the Grand Chapters of the World as have forwarded the records of their proceedings to our acting Grand Scribe E.

Alabama

There is very little to be recorded of the Grand Chapter of Alabama as concerning its 88th Annual Convocation, held at Montgomery on the 30th November and the 1st December, 1914. M. E. Comp. Albert E. Pace, Grand High Priest, presided; the Deputy Grand High Priest, Norman Gunn, was elected to the higher office; and it was reported that harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. There are 64 chartered Chapters, with a membership of 4,149, a gain of 206 in a year. The death on the 23rd December, 1913, of William Yates Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is feelingly alluded to in the presiding Grand High Priest's address. In the proceedings of our own Grand Chapter for 1915 (Appx., p. vi.) the passing of this distinguished Companion is also noted. Readers of these reports learn to know the reviewer as they do a favourite author.

Perhaps the most interesting thing to tell about the Grand Chapter of Alabama is, that it has hitherto had

neither Grand Superintendents nor Grand and Assistant Lecturers. At this Convocation, however, a Committee previously appointed reported a scheme for the inspection of subordinate chapters, which was adopted. The first three clauses of the report are as follow:

"1. The Grand Council of this Grand Chapter shall, at each Annual Convocation, divide this Grand Jurisdiction into not less than 15 Districts, for the purpose of visitation and inspection by a duly appointed Inspector for each District.

"2. The District Inspectors shall be appointed annually by the incoming Grand High Priest from the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter and the Past High Priests of Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter.

"3. The District Inspector shall visit each Chapter in his District twice annually, before the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and make report to the Grand High Priest as to the work, the records, the attendance, the paraphernalia, and the general condition of each, which report shall be made an exhibit to the annual address of the Grand High Priest."

This Grand Chapter, like many others, postpones consideration of the request of certain Alberta Royal Craftsmen for recognition as a Grand Chapter.

The Alabama Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, situated at Montgomery, is referred to by the Grand High Priest as "a noble institution" and "a reminder to us of our duty both to the living and the dead," and some money contribution towards its maintenance is asked from every Royal Arch Mason in the jurisdiction whose means will permit.

M. E. Comp. Lawrence H. Lee, of Montgomery, is the reviewer of Foreign Correspondence in the room and stead of the lamented Titcomb. He refers to "the journey around the Capitular world" as pleasant and profitable. The present writer, a still later addition to the

reviewers' corps, shares this opinion. Would that he could "translate" the impressions derived from his labours into "so quiet and so sweet a style" as is possessed by Comp. Lee!

Norman Gunn, Jasper, Grand High Priest.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Arizona

At the 25th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Arizona, held in the Masonic Temple, Prescott, on the 10th February, 1915, M. E. Comp. George Alexander Bridge, Grand High Priest, presided. He delivered a thoughtful address, in the course of which he made recommendations for increasing the number of Chapters and members in the jurisdiction, for extending the time allotted to Grand Chapter meetings, and for the establishment of a general Masonic relief fund. These recommendations were approved by Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary's report shewed 8 active subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 763; net gain in a year, 30.

This Grand Chapter has a Committee on Correspondence, but the usual review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters is not contained in the volume before us.

The committee, however, makes a special report on the Alberta question, as follows: "Inasmuch as we are now in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Canada, and have no way of determining the rights of this controversy, and believing that it will be fairly and amicably adjusted, your committee recommends that the request of the Grand Chapter of Alberta be referred to the incoming Committee on Correspondence." This was concurred in.

James M. Swetnam, Phoenix, Grand High Priest.

George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

Arkansas

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas there are 85 subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 4,351, as against 4,276 the previous year. The 65th Annual Convocation was held at Little Rock on the 19th November, 1914. M. E. Comp. William R. Chesnut, of Salem, Grand High Priest, presided and made an interesting address. The Deputy Grand High Priest, Zuber N. Short, of Hot Springs, was elected Grand High Priest for 1915, and was duly installed. The proceedings were for the most part of domestic interest only. One of the rulings of the Grand High Priest for 1914, approved and adopted by the Grand Chapter, may be noted: it was to the effect that, after a candidate has received the Mark Master's Degree, an objection to his further advancement may be lodged; the objecting Companion must then prefer charges; and, if these are sustained, and the candidate's advancement stopped, the *whole* of the fee must be returned. This Grand Chapter deferred action on the claim for recognition of the pseudo Grand Chapter of Alberta. The foreign correspondence review is by R. E. Comp. Gordon Huffmaster, Chairman of the Committee, and is commendably brief: he has little to say about the Grand Chapter of Canada, but appears to entertain a gratifying respect for the vigour and plain-speaking of M. E. Comp. MacWatt, then Grand Z., and for the ability of R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett, his co-reviewer.

Zuber N. Short, Hot Springs, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

California

The Grand Chapter of this State does its work in the most orderly and systematic way imaginable. Its minuted proceedings, reports, and resolutions, are all of clean-cut and definite type. Royal Arch Masonry appears to flourish in this great western community. The 61st Annual Convocation was held in San Francisco on the 20th and 21st April, 1915, and was well attended. The retiring

Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Thomas Ochtreigh Heydenfeldt, presided. The first note struck was one of sorrow for the death, in the previous month of February, of the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Comp. Edward Swift West. The Grand King, R. E. Comp. William Henry Gaynor, was elected Grand High Priest, coming to that high office *per saltum* by reason of the decease of his senior. The admonition of the retiring Grand High Priest was to cherish the memory of the late Deputy and to treasure his bright and noble example. It was announced that the 36th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States would be held in San Francisco in September, 1915; and a committee of the California Grand Chapter, previously appointed, reported the arrangements made for the work and entertainment of the General Grand Chapter, meeting of course at the time of the great Panama-Pacific Exposition.

There are 105 subordinate Chapters in the jurisdiction; membership, 13,466; net gain in a year, 348.

The observance of what is apparently a regular custom—a distinctive feature of this Grand Chapter—is recorded in the minutes, the calling of the roll of survivors of the earthquake and fire of April, 1906.

The inspection of subordinate Chapters is apparently done by the Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Lecturers; the report of the Grand Lecturer, M. E. Comp. Henry Ascroft, dealing with his visits and those of his deputies. Readers of Bret Harte's sketches of early California will recognise familiar names in the list of Chapters visited—Mission Chapter, San Gabriel Valley Chapter, Calaveras Chapter. It is interesting to note that a school of instruction held in Calaveras Chapter did *not* break up in confusion as did the "Society upon the Stanislow," although it was "well attended and much interest displayed."

The Grand Chapter appropriated the sum of $100 for an honorary membership in "The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association."

Nearly all the Grand Chapters have dealt in some way with the Alberta difficulty. The usual method appears to be to postpone decision upon the prayer for recognition of the pseudo Grand Chapter of Alberta. The California Grand Chapter, so far as the minutes of this Convocation shew, did not deal with it. There is a passing allusion to it in the report on Foreign Correspondence, found in the appendix. It does not appear except inferentially that this report was presented and received —rather a curious omission in so elaborate a resumé of proceedings. The report or review is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. William Abraham Davies, who appears by his own admission to be well stricken in years, though one would hardly have guessed it while reading his spirited remarks on many subjects; at this Convocation he was succeeded by his son as Grand Secretary, his own services being retained as Grand Secretary emeritus.

Peace and prosperity are within the walls of the Grand Chapter of California.

William Henry Gaynor, 1036 North Berendo Street, Los Angeles, Grand High Priest.

Thomas A. Davies, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Colorado

The very prompt publication—it was issued in October—of a neat volume containing the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado at its 41st Annual Convocation, held at Denver on the 23rd September, 1915, is much to be commended. The address of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Anthony Riesenecker, hardly calls for comment; it is a brief and businesslike document, dealing with local conditions and official acts. There are 47 subordinate chapters; total membership, 5,327; net gain in a year, 207. The Deputy Grand High Priest, William A. Campbell, was elected Grand High Priest. His portrait and a sketch of his life are in the

front of the book. He is a physician, practising his profession in Colorado Springs, and an enthusiastic Mason, of high repute in all schools of the science. His biographer says: "He has method in planning, and resolution in doing things. His love for and interest in Masonic work and in the principles it exemplifies are a part of his life. The magnificent Masonic Temple at Colorado Springs is a monument to his genius and to his untiring devotion to the Craft."

We make one other quotation from the volume before us. It is the concluding part of the excellent Report on Correspondence prepared by M. E. Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster, P.G.H.P.: "It has fallen to our lot to read and examine during the last year proceedings from 53 jurisdictions, 5 being double-headers—all the North American jurisdictions except North Carolina. The most interesting subject has been the consideration of the treatment of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. There was not a single jurisdiction that considered that recognition should be accorded; a few correspondents favoured the claim of Alberta, but the Grand Chapters postponed action out of deference to their relations with Canada. Some thought the General Grand Chapter might lead the way. This being the case, it is well for Colorado not to make any move at this time. The difficulty between the Australasian Grand Chapters and that of Scotland is apparently settled now. Texas and some other jurisdictions took some drastic action, the former even going to the extent of severing relations. Otherwise Royal Arch Masonry seems to be sailing on a smooth sea, and gradually increasing in numbers."

M. E. Comp. Foster is, we understand, the senior member of the correspondence corps; he has been writing since 1883, but not continuously; this report is his 28th. His vigour is unabated.

William A. Campbell, Colorado Springs, Grand High Priest.

Herbert S. Sands, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Columbia, District of

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia is metropolitan in character, but necessarily limited in membership and number of subordinate Chapters. Of these there are 13; total membership, 3,580; loss during a year, 24. In regard to this, the Grand High Priest who presided at the 48th Annual Convocation, held at Washington on the 10th February, 1915—M. E. Comp. Walter B. Pettus—spoke as follows, in the course of his address: "I regret to report to you that our constituent Chapters, with the exception of three, have not prospered during the past year as they should and as they deserved to prosper. There has been a slight aggregate loss in membership in the jurisdiction. I am pleased to note, however, that . . . their financial resources have shewn a healthy increase."

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer visited all the Chapters five or six times each, and reported that the work was well done.

Action upon the claim for recognition of the Grand Chapter formed by seceding Alberta Royal Arch Masons was deferred.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is signed by Roe Fulkerson, whose work bears the impress of scholarship and geniality. His review is headed "The Capitular World-Doings of the various Grand Chapters" —and this pregnant paragraph is found in the introduction: "What follow are the things we have dug out of about 20,000 pages of Capitular literature, much of it dry statistics, much of it hot air, and much of it page after page of names which look like the delinquent tax-list in a morning paper. Yet in all this there were many things of interest to the Craft, grain that was concealed in the chaff, and this we have tried to winnow for the Companions of this jurisdiction." So say all the reviewers, in varying tones!

Lem. Towers jun., Masonic Temple, Washington, D.C., Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Masonic Temple, Washington, D.C., Grand Secretary.

Connecticut

The 117th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was held at New Haven on the 11th May, 1915, the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Horace W. Eddy, presiding. The proceedings are not of special interest to outsiders. Among other distinguished visitors, M. E. Comp. Abram Shaw, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and Representative of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut near the Grand Chapter of Canada, was received with Grand Honours, and responded to the welcome from the Grand High Priest "in a happy manner," as the official record has it. M. E. Comp. Bernard G. Witt, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was also an honoured visitor; he "gave an interesting address, which was received with hearty applause." The Grand High Priest of Connecticut, in his address, referred to the deaths during the year of two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Comps. Joseph R. Johnson and James Callan.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the petition of certain Royal Arch Masons in Alberta for recognition as a Grand Chapter, reported as follows: "As the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, with which we are now in correspondence and affiliation, claims entire jurisdiction over the Province (*sic*) of Canada, we see no reason for recognition at the present time, nor until more conclusive evidence of the claim to recognition is presented." There is nothing in the record to shew whether this report was adopted or otherwise.

There appear to be 40 subordinate Chapters in Connecticut; membership 9,479; increase in a year, 160.

The inspection is done by the Grand High Priest and the other principal Grand Chapter officers. There are no District Superintendents and no Grand Lecturer. The reports of the Grand officers shew the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction to be excellent.

Printed in the proceedings is an interesting historical address delivered at the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Meridian Chapter No. 15, on the 24th March, 1915, at Canaan.

The Report on Correspondence by M. E. Comp. George A. Kies, P.G.H.P., is concise and often witty—as when he speaks of the "deadly ruts into which our wheels have deeply slid." Even a recruit in the band of reviewers soon becomes conscious of the ruts. Comp. Kies has a spirit akin to that of our own Comp. George Bennett; it is to be gathered from the report on Canada, that a duel of wits has been fought by them annually—perhaps for years.

Harry S. Pearsons, Bridgeport, Grand High Priest.

James McCormick, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Delaware

There are but 4 subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, but the aggregate membership at the end of 1914 was 1,169, with a net gain of 25 during the year; so that Capitular Masonry may be regarded as holding its own; and the minutes of the proceedings of the 47th Annual Convocation, held at Wilmington on the 20th January, 1915, shew harmony and progress in the jurisdiction. The retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Alexander J. Taylor, who presided, said that a determined and concerted effort had been made during his year of office to confer the degrees in a more proficient and uniform manner than had hitherto been done. "This followed most naturally," he said, "upon the ruling of the Grand Chapter allowing the King to confer the Most Excellent Master and the Scribe the Mark Master Degree. This has aroused additional enthusiasm and has worked for the good of the Craft. . . . The Grand Instructor has been cordially welcomed on the occasion of his visits, his criticisms requested, and his directions followed."

The ruling of the Grand High Priest "that a Companion in this jurisdiction, who has been granted a demit, remaining in the same locality and being unaffiliated for the period of one year, shall be denied the privilege of visiting any Chapter in this jurisdiction," was approved by Grand Chapter. This will probably be regarded in some jurisdictions as a narrowing of the bounds of Masonic fraternity; but we must recognise the right of a Grand Chapter to make its own regulations for such cases.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which was referred the request for recognition of the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta, recommended that "recognition be withheld at this time and until such time as the Grand Chapter of Delaware is satisfied that no objection exists on the part of the Grand Chapter of Canada;" and this apparently was concurred in by Grand Chapter, as no action is recorded.

Towards the end of the year 1914, the Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. James H. Price, died; and E. Comp. Stuart J. Horn acted as Grand Secretary until the meeting of Grand Chapter; he was then elected to the office.

The Report on Correspondence is signed by M. E. Comp. V. V. Harrison, P.G.H.P.; the report is a careful and concise production.

Asa Bennett, Frankford, Grand High Priest.

Stuart J. Horn, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

Florida

In the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Florida there are 35 constituent Chapters; membership at the end of 1914, 2,425; gain during a year, 170.

Grand Chapter held its 69th Annual Convocation at Jacksonville on the 18th and 19th May, 1915. The Grand

High Priest, M. E. Comp. John M. Caldwell, presided; and his deputy, R. E. Comp. Will C. Andress, was elected his successor in the highest office, and duly installed.

All the reports received were of an encouraging nature; the inspection of the constituent Chapters does not appear to have been thorough, but there were no complaints.

The most interesting—to Canadian members of the Royal Craft—part of the proceedings is in the address of the retiring Grand High Priest, where he makes the following observations in regard to the Alberta difficulty: "I have investigated this matter to the best of my ability; I have conferred with well-informed Companions; and there can be no doubt that, under Masonic Law in America, whenever three or more Chapters exist in a State or Province, they have the right to unite and form a Grand Chapter, and that the consent of the parent Grand Chapter is not necessary. I, therefore, recommend that fraternal recognition be accorded to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta." The Grand High Priest assumes, as can readily be seen, that a State, i.e., a State of the Union, and a Province, i.e., a Province of the Dominion, stand in the same position. The error into which he has fallen is doubtless explained by the fact that he had before him, as he recites, communications from the officers of the pseudo Grand Chapter of Alberta, but not the representations on the subject made to all Grand Chapters by the Grand Chapter of Canada. If he did receive these representations, he does not mention them. This portion of the Grand High Priest's address was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported "that the Capitular law as stated by the M. E. Grand High Priest is correct and is hereby approved. In deference to and out of fraternal regard to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and in order that we may receive further information on the subject, we recommend that action on

the application for recognition be postponed until our next Annual Convocation." This report was received and *adopted.*

There is no correspondence report.

Will C. Andress, Jacksonville, Grand High Priest.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

Illinois

The report of the Grand Treasurer shews assets of the value of more than $30,000, in spite of a large and liberal expenditure. The chief asset, but one upon which no money value can be placed, is, however, the Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence, R. E. Comp. George W. Warvelle. This from his report at the 65th Annual Convocation (29th and 30th October, 1914): "Our total membership on the 30th June, the date of the annual returns, was 39,260; the net gain for the fiscal year was 1,939." (There are 205 chapters). "While this is a trifle less than the gain of last year, it is yet a magnificent shewing, and will doubtless serve to keep us in our position of number one in point of Capitular life and activity. . I am further pleased to report that all of the Chapters, with but one exception, have made returns and paid dues to this Convocation. But neither my prayers, entreaties, nor threats were sufficient to move this solitary exception."

But the Grand Secretary as reviewer of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters is *facile princeps.* Every Royal Arch Mason should read his "Postscript"—a veritable symposium of wit and wisdom, extracted from most unpromising material. "In the preceding pages," writes this delightful Companion, "I have endeavoured to set before you, in proper alphabetical order, a brief chronicle of the times in the Capitular world. But, that duty performed, the time has now come, as the Walrus very aptly

said, 'to speak of many things,' which I shall proceed to do in my usual rambling and desultory manner." And "in the preceding pages" he has this cheerful word to say of our own peculiar trouble: "The western Province of Alberta has seceded (or has it revolted?) and set up a Capitular establishment of its own. The end is not yet. Let brotherly love prevail, and the difficulties, if such there are, will soon be adjusted."

Among the many matters referred to in the address of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Louis L. Emmerson, this perhaps has the most interest for outsiders: "The work upon the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at Sullivan, Illinois, made possible by the appropriation of $50,000 for this purpose by the Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation last year, has moved forward with satisfactory progress."

This Convocation was held at the Hotel La Salle, Chicago, where ample accommodation was provided for all meetings, without cost to the Grand Chapter.

Everett R. Turnbull, Carlinville, Grand High Priest.

George W. Warvelle, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

Indiana

The Grand Chapter of Indiana was organised in 1845. Thus, while not one of the oldest Grand Chapters, it is of respectable antiquity. The membership, too, is large and increasing: of constituent Chapters there are 118 chartered, and one under dispensation; the total membership on the 1st January, 1915, was 18,704; and the net gain in a year was 1,235. The 70th Annual Convocation was held at Indianapolis on the 20th and 21st October, 1915; and a bulky volume, containing a full account of the proceedings, was so promptly issued that it was in the hands of the reviewer on the 12th November—and perhaps was available to others even earlier. The Grand

Secretary, R. E. Comp. Calvin W. Prather, does not let the grass grow under his feet. A portrait of the new Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Leon T. Leach, a young and handsome Craftsman, and a brief sketch of his life—from which we learn that he is an affluent citizen of Indianapolis and a self-made man—stand in the front of the volume. Comp. Leach is not yet 40 years old, and has been a Freemason for only 11 years, but he has made good use of his time; he was recently elected General Grand Master of the First Veil of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, U.S.A.

The Indiana proceedings in October last were of no special interest to outsiders. The retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Arthur J. Smith, presided and delivered an address which was of a strictly businesslike and prosaic character.

The report of the Grand Inspector is interesting. He visited and inspected most, if not all, of the subordinate Chapters, and impartially records the virtues and failings of each. The general result was most satisfactory. "As the report of our Grand Secretary shews," he says, "the addition to the roll of membership in our Chapters has been greater in the preceding year than in any previous year in the history of this Grand Chapter. This improved condition is, in my opinion, due in a large measure to the greater efficiency of our Chapters in the conferring of the degrees, and I hope I may not be considered egotistical in saying that our system of inspection has been a potent factor in bringing about this result."

We now come to the Correspondence Report, called "Annual Capitular Review," by M. E. Comp. Robert Archer Woods, Past Grand High Priest. He deals first, as is natural, with the General Grand Chapter, which held its 36th Triennial Convocation on the 1st and 2nd September, 1915, at San Francisco. Comp. Woods was present in person at this Triennial Convocation, and appar-

ently enjoyed himself. He notes: "The sessions of this august body were interspersed with a series of entertainments in the character of automobile rides, receptions, grand balls, luncheons, banquets, theatre parties, and steamer excursions, such as brought joy and satisfaction to the guests from far and near, and glory to the very efficient committee in charge. The recollection of our sojourn among the California Companions will be pleasant and everlasting." But it was not all junketting. Comp. Woods gives an excellent summary of the doings of the General Grand Chapter; and, as the printed proceedings have not reached us, we make gleanings from Indiana, with due acknowledgments:

"Scotland: It will be remembered that the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, unmindful of her duty towards us, and in violation of the American doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction, chartered Keystone Chapter, in the City of Manila, Philippine Islands, a territorial dependency of the United States. . . . Thus far the Scottish body has declined to withdraw the charter of the Chapter of Manila. Our request has met rather with silence and contempt. General Grand Chapter, therefore, after a careful review of the case, decided to sever fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and the Chapters under its constitution, until such time as it sees fit to rectify the wrong done us by the invasion of our territory.

"Texas: The Grand Chapter of Texas was created in 1850 by the General Grand Chapter, regularly took the oath to support and maintain the constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and was duly represented at the Convocations of 1853, 1856, and 1859. Owing to the Civil War, no Convocation was held in 1862. At all subsequent Convocations, Texas has not been represented, and has paid no dues to the General Grand Chapter, although carried all these years on its rolls. . . . General Grand Chapter decided to send a committee to the Grand

Chapter of Texas in the hope that it will recognise the anomaly of its present position and determine to assume its former place and duties in the Councils of the Craft. Most assuredly it is the wish of every member of the General Grand Chapter to see this speedily consummated.

"Alberta: Reference is made to the unfortunate conditions which exist between the Grand Chapter of Canada and certain Chapters of the Province of Alberta which seek to erect a Grand Chapter of their own, to be known as the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Much correspondence was received from both sides, and the controversy has assumed large proportions. Deeming it of too great importance to be dealt with hastily, and that it involves important considerations which might affect disastrously the Masonic fraternity in the future, the General Grand High Priest asked that it be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for their careful examination and report. The substance of the report as later submitted was a recognition of the right of the Companions of Alberta to erect a Grand Chapter and that their action was valid and their procedure legitimate and in accordance with Masonic law and custom, but that out of respect for the Grand Chapter of Canada and in consideration of the friendly and fraternal relations so long existing between us, it was not deemed wise to extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, but to rest in the hope and conviction that prudent counsels will prevail and the present difficulty be amicably adjusted by the parties immediately interested."

We forbear comment at this stage.

Returning to the Indiana Correspondence Report, we find, by reference to his remarks under the heads "Alberta" and "Canada," that Comp. Woods is himself a strong advocate of the Alberta claims. If there is a stronger adjective than "strong," his advocacy should be described by it.

At the end of the " Annual Capitular Review," we find a report of the second triennial meeting of the Correspondents of the several Grand Chapters and Grand Councils, held in San Francisco on the 2nd September, 1915, at the time of the General Grand Chapter meeting. Through the courtesy of the California Companions, the " Correspondents' Round Table " was given a special luncheon in a private banquet-room. Many of the eminent Companions whose reports we have enjoyed were present. It was resolved that the Knights of the Round Table should unite with the Grand Secretaries' Guild, forming one auxiliary society, under a name to be agreed upon at the next meeting—at Washington in 1918.

The closing words of the Indiana reviewer are well worth quoting: " Everywhere, as I read and wrote, the pleasing fact fastened itself upon me that Capitular Masonry was marching on splendidly to glorious achievement. Never in its history has it been more prosperous or more promising, and its results more satisfying. It should be cause for felicitation that the presence of the Lord continues to fill the Lord's House, to the glorification of the world in general and of the Royal Craft in particular. A few small clouds may be seen on the horizon—in the Philippines, in the Antipodes, in the Canadian Provinces—yet it is inconceivable but that these shall in due time vanish from our sight before the purifying breath of justice and equity, and that peace and goodwill ere long will emblazon the Capitular sky."

Leon T. Leach, Indianapolis, Grand High Priest.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Iowa

Perhaps the most interesting of all the reports that have appeared during 1915 is that of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa at its 62nd Annual Convocation, held at Des Moines, on the 14th and 15th October,

1915. The volume before us is a bulky one; we have derived much pleasure from dipping into its pages; and are much impressed with the breezy and optimistic tone of all the eminent Royal Craftsmen whose words are recorded. The Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. W. F. Cleveland, Past Grand High Priest, presents a report of unusual strength, revealing an efficient business organisation of the affairs of the Grand Chapter which is beyond praise. The Grand Secretary is also the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and is the possessor of a pleasantly discursive literary style which makes his report agreeable reading.

The retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. John W. Cory, presided at this Convocation, and made a very good address. Among other things, he spoke of the benefit to be derived by the subordinate Chapters from the visits of the Grand High Priest, and urged that such visits should be more frequent. He had much to say of the Triennial Communication of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held at San Francisco on the 1st September, 1915. A Past Grand High Priest of Iowa, M. E. Comp. F. W. Craig, was there elected Deputy General Grand High Priest, and other offices in General Grand Chapter were also bestowed upon Iowa Royal Craftsmen. In relation to the General Grand Chapter, this paragraph in the address of Comp. Cory is of interest: "It seems that the State of Oregon is the only State in which the Grand Chapter recognises the General Grand Chapter of the United States to be the governing body. In all other States, it is only advisory to the Grand Chapters, and the several Grand Chapters may refuse to comply with the orders of that General Grand Body or to accept the same. In my judgment, the Grand Chapter of Iowa should follow the example of the Grand Chapter of Oregon and recognise and yield allegiance to the authority of the Grand Chapter of the United States of America." This opinion, tantamount to a recommendation, was re-

ferred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported as follows: "The General Grand Chapter makes no claim of authority over the several Grand Chapters, and yet it exercises a wonderful influence over Capitular affairs by moulding sentiment among those who attend its Triennial Convocations. The relations existing between the several Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter are most friendly, amicable, and proper, and in the judgment of the Committee should not be modified." This report was *adopted*.

The Alberta difficulty was reported upon by Comp. Cleveland, in the guise of the Committee on Correspondence, as follows: "As your committee is advised that steps have been taken looking towards an amicable adjustment of this unfortunate affair at an early date, we would recommend that no action be taken by this Grand Chapter at this time, hoping sincerely that a solution may be found that will be alike honourable to all parties interested, and that the teachings of Masonry may influence our Canadian Companions to lay aside the unkind feelings that have been aroused, that peace and harmony may again prevail to the glory of Capitular Masonry throughout the world." This report was *adopted*.

The inspection and instruction of subordinate Chapters are entrusted in Iowa to a Board of Custodians, an organised body, which holds meetings and makes arrangements for visiting the Chapters. The report of the Board, presented at this Convocation, contained this clause: "We have found much encouragement in the work. While we have never valued the thing of inspection as of any marked help to the Craft, yet we think it is in a measure the source of interest manifested in the work that would not be otherwise aroused. The instruction given at the time of inspection is the real secret of help to the Craft." The Grand High Priest in his address recommended the enactment of a law making attendance at times fixed for inspection and instruction cumpulsory upon all the sub-

ordinate Chapters; but this was not favoured by the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom it was referred; and the Committee's report was *adopted*. "In the opinion of the Committee, the schools of instruction, to be effective, must be attractive, and attendance must be gained by the love of the work."

In the report of the Grand Secretary, to which allusion has already been made, we find this interesting statement, giving the information about the standing of Grand Chapter which is sought for in every case and is sometimes found with difficulty: "It is with much satisfaction that I am able to report that the year ending the 31st December, 1914, was one of more than ordinary growth and prosperity. The net increase in membership was 856, making a total membership of 14,080. This is a larger net increase than the Grand Chapter has ever experienced since its organisation some 60 years ago. The 128 chartered Chapters have all made their annual reports and paid their annual dues in full. . . . Never has the outlook for Capitular Masonry been more promising than now."

The Report on Correspondence has already been referred to, but we revert to it for a moment in order merely to say that Comp. Cleveland has included "Alberta" in his review as well as "Canada;" and, while not concealing his opinion that the Alberta seceders have been somewhat harshly dealt with, he dwells chiefly, as is fitting, upon the prospects of a peaceful solution of the difficulty.

We cannot forbear quoting the happy concluding words of Comp. Cory's report: "We have completed our mental tour among the Grand Chapters, enjoyed a pleasant exchange of the compliments of the season with the Correspondents of other jurisdictions, with many of whom we have a personal acquaintance, which adds much to the pleasure of our review. The degrees of the Chapter are being better understood than they formerly were and more

highly appreciated than ever before. The Master Mason who sincerely desires Masonic light realises the importance of receiving the Chapter degrees more than ever before. The degree-work, under the direction of the Custodians and Deputies, is becoming more uniform and impressive throughout this jurisdiction. So far as Iowa is concerned, Capitular Masonry is coming into its own."

Frank N. Fowler, Nevada, Grand High Priest.

W. F. Cleveland, Harlan, Grand Secretary.

Kansas

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in the Egyptian room of the Scottish Rite Temple, Wichita, on the 15th February, 1915; this was the 50th Annual Convocation; M. E. Comp. Marion K. Brundage, Grand High Priest, presided, and delivered the customary address, in which he makes the following statement, not without interest to dwellers beyond the confines of Kansas: " Peace and goodwill prevail throughout the jusisdiction, and no evidence of discord or lack of harmony has come to my attention throughout the year. Most of the Chapters are in good condition and are manifesting active interest and zeal; but there are numerous evidences, on the other hand, to indicate that several Chapters are lacking in both activity and interest. This condition results from varying causes in different Chapters, but largely, I think, because in too many instances only two or three members have heretofore qualified themselves to fill the offices and do the work. These qualified workers, thus limited in number, have been growing older and are feeling the weight of years and responsibilities beyond their power to overcome, and there are none to take their places." And he gives three typical instances of Chapters which had thus become moribund, and recounts the efforts made to revive them, with good prospects of success. The condition of one Chapter

is thus described: "Thirteen members living in the jurisdiction, one petition for membership not acted upon, several Brothers retarded in advancement because of no one to do the work, and no meetings held for about two years; only two resident members capable of doing the work, and they 'tired out;' discouragement and a disposition on the part of most of the members to surrender the charter; four good Lodges in the jurisdiction." Great efforts were made, and this Chapter is now meeting regularly and has an increased membership. This may be encouraging in other jurisdictions when a "rot" has to be stayed.

The Grand Secretary's report shews that there are 94 constituent Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 10,144—a net gain of 350 in a year.

We find in the well-prepared volume containing the proceedings, not only a photograph of the retiring Grand High Priest, but a brief biography of the distinguished Companion—an excellent thing for those who study the living history of the Royal Craft.

Our own Alberta difficulty receives a good deal of notice. The Grand High Priest refers to it in his address, and the Committee on Correspondence makes a special report upon it. This committee finds that the Grand Chapter of Alberta was regularly and lawfully organised; but adds that "Masonic courtesy toward the Grand Chapter of Canada requires that final action should not be taken by this Grand Body at this time while the matter is still claiming the consideration of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and pending action by the Grand Body at its Annual Convocation to be held during the present month" —that is, February, 1915. This report was adopted, and further action postponed until the next Annual Convocation.

The same matter again comes up in the General Report on Correspondence—prepared for the Committee by Matthew M. Miller, P.G.H.P., Chairman—in this way.

The Alberta proceedings are noticed in regular order as if "Alberta" were a regularly constituted Grand Chapter, and are fully set out "so that," as the reviewer adds, "our readers can note what, if any, indications there may be of irregularity or deviation from the usages or customs of Capitular Masonry." And in the review of the proceedings of our own Grand Chapter some further attention is given to the subject, and quotations are made from the address of the Grand Z. The attitude of the Kansas Royal Arch Masons is undoubtedly favourable to the Alberta secession; in wisdom and courtesy they resolve to await further developments.

Comp. Miller's review of the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters is able and interesting.

John W. Neilson, Concordia, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

Kentucky

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky was instituted in 1817; it was, therefore, the 97th Annual Convocation that was called to order by M. E. Grand High Priest William Carson Black, in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, on the 20th October, 1914. His address spoke of progress and prosperity. There are 113 subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 9,579—an increase of 291 in a year. The final passing of two Past Grand High Priests of Kentucky was noted: M. E. Comps. John Walden Landrum and Henry Bostwick.

"I am of opinion," said the Grand High Priest, in the course of his address, "that Chapter inspections should be suspended, at least, for the coming year. . . . The system of inspection is a good one, but the indifference shewn by many Chapters, and some Inspectors, has brought the practice down to a mere rattling of form, without body or breath. . . . While more inspections were

made in the year just closing than during any previous administration, yet of the 72 inspections made, 31 Chapters had no work." The inspectors appear to be the Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, and others appointed by the Grand High Priest—a large number of men, with two or three Chapters assigned to each. The Committee on Inspections recommended the consolidation of the "judicial district visitations and inspections, at least for the coming year," and this was adopted by Grand Chapter.

Another informing paragraph in the address of the Grand High Priest is as follows: "Kentucky Masons, as you well know, take the lead in matters of general uplift and deeds of charity. It was we who first blazed the way and turned our money, which came from the many thousand souls throughout our fair and beautiful commonwealth, into a lasting monument when we built the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home in the city of Louisville. And then again we displayed our progressive and open-hearted disposition when we erected the Old Masons' Home on our farm near Shelbyville—another mark of eternal glory to the honour of the Craft and never-ending benefit to our people."

The Grand High Priest deals also with the Alberta difficulty, and with no uncertain sound: "The Royal Arch Masons of Alberta who attempted to organise a sovereign Grand Body acted in bad faith. . . . The act was nothing less than secession—the body clandestine. Although I sincerely believe in the necessity of a governing Grand Chapter in the Province of Alberta, I must recommend that the Grand Chapter of Kentucky refuse to recognise the Grand Chapter of Alberta, as now constituted, but pray that it will bide its time and . . . take the proper legal steps with the Mother Grand Chapter for relief and independence." This part of the address was referred to a Special Committee, who recommended "that before extending recognition to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, this Grand Chapter should require of the Alberta Grand

Chapter the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Canada. And after due regularity and consent had been obtained from the Grand Chapter of Canada (which should be promptly given on proper request), then we should extend our hands in hearty greeting." This recommendation was *adopted.*

Past Grand High Priest G. Allison Holland presented his report on "The Doings of other Grand Chapters," and it was ordered that it be printed in the proceedings. The title of the report commends itself—the usual "Report on Correspondence" or "Report on Foreign Correspondence" gives a wrong impression to the uninitiated. The report itself covers the year ending on the 15th August, 1914, and is in every respect excellent.

W. Rodes Shackleford, Richmond, Grand High Priest.

Howard R. French, Mount Sterling, Grand Secretary.

James A. Hodges, Louisville, Assistant Grand Secretary.

Louisiana

The annual address or report of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Edward Everett, at the 68th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, held at New Orleans on the 2nd and 3rd February, 1915, deals, as is natural, chiefly with domestic concerns; two matters are, however, referred to which may be of interest to Royal Arch Masons of other jurisdictions. One is a highly interesting account of the life and death of M. E. Comp. George J. Pinckard, P.G.H.P. of this Grand Chapter, and of high degree in many other Masonic bodies. "Most tragic was the death of Bro. Pinckard. After surviving all the dangers of military service in the Crimean war, the Sepoy rebellion in India, and our own Civil war, he was burnt to death in his own home on the night of Sunday the 8th February. He was standing before an open grate fire when his dressing-gown caught

fire, and ere aid could reach him the flames had so seriously injured him that death ensued shortly afterwards and freed him from the excruciating pains which follow such an injury. . . . He was born in Cambridge, England, on the 28th May, 1831." By profession he was a civil engineer, and his name is associated with some great works in the south.

The other important matter referred to in the Grand High Priest's address was the ritual work of the subordinate Chapters. He complained of want of uniformity and poor work. It is not necessary to go into the details. All Royal Arch Masons know of Chapters in which the work is "sloppily" done; the failure to impress the candidate is really of more consequence in the Chapter than in the Craft Lodge—the candidate knows much and expects more. The Grand High Priest recommended that Grand Chapter should secure the services as Grand Lecturer of one skilled in the work, to give his entire time to visiting and instructing the Chapters. The Committee on Work, to whom this portion of the Grand High Priest's address was referred, made a report in which they stated their agreement with his desire for uniformity and improvement in the work; but they did not agree with him as to the method to be adopted. They said: "We deprecate the use of the Allen's Key, but we see absolutely no objection to that adopted by the General Grand Chapter, and believe it will answer the purpose of dissemination far better than the occasional visit of a Grand Lecturer. The Committee on Work is fully able, competent, and desirous of giving to the Craft its time, intelligence, and experience; and we urgently recommend that the usefulness of this committee be tested." The report was adopted.

The Grand Secretary's report shewed 38 Chapters; total membership, 3,698; net gain in a year, 165.

This Grand Chapter did not deal with the Alberta difficulty, though it is mentioned (without comment) in

the Report on Correspondence, which is signed by Herman C. Duncan, P.G.H.P.; it is belief and businesslike, and concludes with a reference to the writer's serious illness, which all will regret; the report was the 21st presented by the learned and conscientious reviewer. We observe that a Committee of three was appointed for the coming year—Comp. Duncan not being one of them.

H. F. Grimm, New Orleans, Grand High Priest.

Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Maryland

On the 1st January, 1916, our acting Grand Scribe E. intimated that no report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maryland for 1915 had been received at his office; but a circular letter had been received containing the information that the 118th Annual Convocation had been held at the Masonic Temple in the city of Baltimore on the 18th November, 1915, whereat the Grand Officers for 1915-1916 were duly elected and installed, and the further information that the aggregate membership of the 24 Chapters of the Maryland jurisdiction at the date mentioned was 4,259, there having been a net increase of 112 in a year.

Edwin J. Griffin, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

John H. Miller, Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Michigan

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Michigan are full of interest; the membership is large—there are 155 subordinate Chapters, with 24,026 members; and great zeal and activity seem to prevail. The "true spirit of Masonry," so often spoken of, is well exemplified—perhaps the inspiration may be partly due to the close association with the Grand Chapter whose territory marches

with Michigan—in the large volume containing the report of the 67th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, held at Kalamazoo on the 18th and 19th May, 1915. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, William W. Watts, presided; the Deputy Grand High Priest, Albert J. Young, was elected and installed as Grand High Priest for 1915; and very elaborate and complete reports of committees were presented and considered. A contribution of $1,400 to the Masonic War Relief Fund is reported; an excellent effort, affording an example worthy of imitation. The Grand High Priest's annual address and report of official acts is a highly businesslike and altogether admirable document, strictly confined to the domestic concerns of the Grand Chapter. The reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Lecturer are concise; as each deals exclusively with its own department, there is no overlapping. The increase in the membership during 1914 was about 800. The Grand Lecturer, M. E. Comp. Horace S. Maynard, has a mildly humorous turn of mind, which does not render his report less lucid; and the Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. Charles A. Conover, who also writes the Report on Foreign Correspondence, or, as it is called, "Annual Review of Capitular Masonry," is, as his work shews, an efficient and unusually able officer. His "Annual Review" contains an interesting historical account of Royal Arch Masonry in the Philippines.

With reference to the "difficulty" in Alberta, no action was taken by the Michigan Grand Chapter. Comp. Conover's report says: "It will be seen that matters are considerably mixed, but there seems to be a way open for a satisfactory solution of the trouble; and, in view of this fact, your committee would recommend that no action be taken in the matter of recognition until further information is received."

The *necessity* for "dropping into poetry" in reports of committees is not apparent; but it must be admitted

that the *temptation* to " drop, " in a report on the " fraternal dead," is well-nigh irresistible. Excusing the yielding to temptation, cannot something be found more fitted to adorn so dread a subject, than the following feeble rhyme?

" Much must be borne which it is hard to bear;
" Much given away which it were sweet to keep.
" God help us all! who need, indeed, His care;
" And yet, I know, the shepherd loves his sheep."

And surely no excuse can be framed for this delightful doggerel, which is found in a report on " Subordinate Chapters :"—

" The year is closed, the record made,
" The last deed done, the last word said;
" The memory alone remains
" Of all its joys, its griefs, its gains;
" And now with purpose full and clear
" We turn to meet another year."

Albert J. Young, Escanaba, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

Minnesota

There is much to commend, nothing to reprobate, and little to report, about the doings of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota at its 53rd Annual Convocation, held in St. Paul on the 13th October, 1914, and published, by order of the Grand Chapter, in a volume of not much over 100 pages. *O si sic omnes!* M. E. Comp. William A. Hawkins, Grand High Priest, presided; and—according to ancient custom—his deputy, Benjamin A. Phillips, was elected his successor and installed in the Grand East.

" Board of Custodians " is to us a novel expression. This Board made three reports, one on " Schools of Instruction," and two on " Ritual." It is to be inferred that

the members of the Board occupy position analogous to Inspectors, Visitors, or Lecturers in other Grand Chapters.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is, like the other portions of the proceedings, terse, but quite informing and interesting. Alberta and Canada are both noticed. No opinion is expressed upon the difficulty. This may perhaps be construed as a left-handed, or even an inadvertent, recognition of the claim of "certain Companions" in Alberta to be a Grand Chapter! R. E. Comp. Irving Todd is the reviewer.

Benjamin A. Phillips, St. Paul, Grand High Priest.

John Fisbel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Mississippi

A great work of revival has been going on in Mississippi. The members of the Royal Craft had apparently become somewhat slack in the performance of their duties; energetic work by the Grand High Priest, the Grand Lecturer, and other Grand Officers, has produced a change. At the 67th Annual Convocation, held at Vicksburg on the 18th February, 1915, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Robert Somerville, in the course of his address said: "I am glad to report to you that, as far as I am informed, peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction, and a large majority of our subordinate Chapters are active and doing good work. There are a few Chapters, however, perhaps 10 or 12—that are inactive. Towards such I have, like most of my predecessors, pursued a policy of "watchful waiting;" and this course, I am glad to say, has been rewarded by two of the number reviving and giving promise of future activity. The net result of the year's work shews a gain in membership of 88." It appears that there are 75 warranted Chapters on the register, and one under dispensation; the total membership at the date of the Convocation was 4,447.

The Grand Lecturer, William H. Whitaker, of Grenada, whose work is commended by the Grand High Priest, in his report stated that during the past year he had visited all the Chapters and Councils in the jurisdiction; that all the Chapters had made returns and paid their dues to the Grand Secretary; and that more work and better work had been done in the several Chapters during the year than for many years. The Grand Lecturer also stated that he had appointed District Deputies for the districts into which the territory ruled over by Grand Chapters was divided; but that these officers had "been called to few of the Chapters." He recommended that "the Deputy System" should be suspended. This recommendation does not seem to have been adopted by Grand Chapter; but a report of a special committee recommending the discontinuance of schools of instruction was adopted.

There was a clear utterance on the Alberta question by a special committee, whose report was adopted. The recommendation was, "that the Grand Chapter of Alberta be not recognised by the Grand Chapter of Mississippi; your committee feels that to do otherwise would encourage insubordination to that sovereign authority which this Grand Chapter has always maintained."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, ably prepared by M. E. Comp. Oliver Lee McKay, "Reporter," also goes very fully into the Alberta question, as well as the somewhat similar question arising in regard to Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Comp. McKay recommends the Grand Chapter of Mississippi to pursue the Wilson policy of "watchful waiting," hoping "that the Grand Chapters of Canada and Scotland may solve their domestic problems in the spirit of the golden rule."

Clarence S. Cullens, New Albany, Grand High Priest.

Frederick Gordon Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

Missouri

This Grand Chapter, like some others, upon reporting its doings, furnishes a portrait of its retiring Grand High Priest, accompanied by a biographical sketch. M. E. Comp. Martin Toner Balsley, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri for the year 1914-15, is a successful physician in (we quote) "the stirring city of Joplin. He is one of the leading citizens of that city, the first of its class in Missouri to adopt the commission form of government. He is a man of mark, and stands for what is right, and is in favour of everything that tends to advance and elevate the community. . . . He is now 62 years old. His knowledge of human nature, acquired through more than an ordinary lifetime spent in extensive practice, his wide experience, and his manifold dealings with mankind, pre-eminently fit him for a wise counsellor." He has made his mark in all branches of Masonry—it is not surprising.

The 69th Annual Convocation was held on the 27th April, 1915, in the *Scottish Rite Cathedral,* Joplin, the before-mentioned Grand High Priest presiding. His address—an excellent one—deals chiefly with domestic topics. He refers *inter alia* to the Masonic War Relief Association, to the funds of which a large contribution was made by this Grand Chapter and its constituent Chapters; to the State Masonic Home; and to an unpleasant state of affairs existing in one of the Chapters—systematic black-balling by a clique of members who were unfriendly to the High Priest. This was characterised—none too strongly—as unmasonic, cowardly, and vicious. The Grand High Priest suspended the Chapter, and laid the whole matter before Grand Chapter. There was debate over this matter, with the result that the Grand High Priest's action was approved and the charter of the Chapter was restored only upon one condition—that a dispensation be granted to re-ballot on the rejected petitions, and that such ballot be had.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence (Comp. John Henderson Miller) made a special report on the Alberta difficulty, which was adopted. After a *resumé* of the facts, the committee says: "In the spirit of all fairness, we cannot afford to set the seal of approval on the actions of Companions who have ignored the rights of, and courtesies due to, the Grand Chapter of Canada, which Grand Chapter gave them the only standing they ever had as Royal Arch Masons. Therefore, we recommend that the Grand Chapter of Missouri declines to recognise the so-called Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, and considers the action of the Grand Chapter of Canada, regarding the Alberta affair, proper and judicious."

The same learned (and Reverend) Companion reviews at length the proceedings of other Grand Chapters in such a way as to afford both pleasure and profit. He is master of a distinctive literary style, and his work is careful and conscientious.

The report of the Grand Secretary shews 107 chartered Chapters; total membership on the 31st December, 1914, 14,703; net gain in a year, 600.

Olaf A. Lucas, County Court House, Kansas City, Grand High Priest.

Robert F. Stevenson, 510 Pine Street, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

Montana

At the 26th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Montana, held in the city of Great Falls on the 14th September, 1915, the Grand Officers for 1915 were duly elected and installed, and it was reported that in the 24 subordinate Chapters there was a total membership of 2,342—a gain in one year of 144. The next Annual Convocation is to be held at the

city of Butte on the 29th August, 1916. These particulars are given in a circular letter sent by the Grand Secretary. Up to the 1st January, 1916, the usual report of the proceedings had not been received.

Lew L. Callaway, Great Falls, Grand High Priest.

Cornelius Hedges jun., Helena, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska assembled in its 48th Annual Convocation, in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, on the 16th December, 1914, and continued its session during that and the following day. M. E. Comp. James Tyler, Grand High Priest, presided, and delivered an address replete with good sense and good feeling. "The past year," he said, "has been one of prosperity and success throughout the jurisdiction, although from one cause and another there are some Chapters not doing the work they should do. Peace and harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and between this and all other Grand Jurisdictions, as far as I am informed. While these conditions are indeed well worth our congratulations, yet every hope has not been realised nor every expectation fulfilled." He goes on to speak of the customary topics—the Fraternal Dead, "Visitations," Dispensations, and so forth—and then of the State Masonic Home at Omaha, which he had visited and found to be working well. He also paid his respects to our own domestic trouble, recommending that action upon the request for recognition of the Alberta seceders as a Grand Chapter be deferred. This recommendation was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

From the report of the Grand Secretary it appears that there are 54 active Chapters in the jurisdiction, with a total membership on the 1st November, 1914, of 4,939; net gain in a year, 169.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, prepared by Comp. Charles J. Phelps, is a model of conciseness—withal judicious and informing.

It is impossible to refrain from expressing admiration for the appearance of the volume in which the proceedings are printed. The paper and type are of rare and excellent quality.

We note the result of the annual election of Grand Officers as an unusual one: the Grand King became Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest being re-elected to the same office. This was probably for the convenience of the latter.

Burt L. Spellman, Beatrice, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

Nevada

"Although ours is one of the smallest jurisdictions in membership, yet it is one of the largest in area, making visitation of the subordinate Chapters difficult and expensive. The Grand Chapter makes no appropriation for the expenses of the Grand High Priest in visiting the Chapters. I have not visited as many of our Chapters as it was my intention to do." This somewhat pathetic passage occurs in the address of M. E. Comp. Walter E. Pratt, Grand High Priest, delivered at the 42nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nevada, held in the Masonic Temple, Reno, on the 7th and 8th June, 1915. There are 10 Chapters; the membership at the date of the meeting was 492; net gain in a year, 8. The Grand Secretary reported that all the Chapters had made returns, and all dues had been paid for the year.

The Grand High Priest records one of his official acts thus: "On the 29th December, 1914, I caused a letter to

be sent to all Chapters of our jurisdiction warning them against the so-called 'Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta,' which had been organised over the lawful authority of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada." On the same subject, the Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the request of certain Companions of Alberta for recognition as a Grand Chapter, recommended that the request "be received and placed on file and that action be deferred until the full facts of the case can be learned and be laid before this Grand Chapter." This recommendation was adopted. The same Committee, reviewing the proceedings of foreign Grand Chapters, when it comes to Canada, devotes much space to the Alberta "muddle," as it is called.

The review is from the able pen of R. E. Comp. Edward Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary. His reference to the band of reviewers as a "Royal Round Table" is a happy one; and his opening remarks are so full of good sense and good will that we cannot refrain from quoting them: "As we take up our staff for our seventh annual journey along the roads that wind in and out among the jurisdictions of the Royal Craft, we call to mind our instruction that the true end and aim of the Craftsman are light and truth. One of the purposes of the sojourner is to keep up the interest in the search for these objects and the ideals that spring therefrom. Every good and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm. Nothing great was ever accomplished without it, said Emerson. Therefore in our journeyings we shall strive to bring not only fresh ideas, but a new enthusiasm, that the great work of the Royal Craft may go on and on. In the recording of matters of interest we shall cling to good humour; if critical, be so with tolerance; and above all be useful. Life must be full of inspiration. Masonry by its teachings seeks to illuminate and to give relief and joy. Let us endeavour, Companions, to double its richness and power and to

widen its ennobling influence. What we shall here set down we hope will be read and prove of benefit."

Sidney C. Foster, Reno, Grand High Priest.

Edward D. Vanderlieth, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

New Brunswick

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick was formed in 1887. The proceedings at the 27th Annual Convocation, held at Fredericton on the 26th August, 1914, have been reported in a small volume. M. E. Comp. Herbert E. Goold, Grand High Priest, presided, and was re-elected. The eight Chapters subordinate to the Grand Chapter were all represented, but the number of representatives in attendance was not large. The membership increased in the year covered by the various reports (July, 1913, to July, 1914), from 852 to 874. Prosperity and harmony are said to prevail. The financial statement, though the sums dealt with are small, shews a satisfactory balance. The Grand Chapter voted $100 as a contribution to the Canada Lodge Fund for a field ambulance; and passed a resolution authorising the Executive Committee "to expend the available funds of Grand Chapter in relief under exceptional circumstances." A communication from the newly-formed Grand Chapter of Alberta, asking for recognition, and one from the Grand Chapter of Canada, respecting the request, were referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report at the next Annual Convocation. It was announced that the 28th Annual Convocation would be held at St. John on the 7th April, 1915; but no report of the proceedings at that convocation has been forwarded.

Herbert E. Goold, Sussex, N.B., Grand High Priest.

J. Twining Hartt, Ritchie's Building, St. John, N.B., Grand Secretary.

New Hampshire

There are some interesting features in the proceedings of the New Hampshire Grand Chapter in 1915. The Grand Chapter is an old one—it was instituted in 1819; and the Convocation held in Freemasons Hall, Concord, on the 18th May, 1915, was the 96th. The Grand Chapter is not a large one: there are 26 constituent Chapters; the total membership is 4,552; and the net gain in a year was 40. One unusual feature was the re-election of the Grand Officers who had held office for the previous year. This is the custom in the Grand Chapter of Canada, but new officers every year is the rule in nearly all State Grand Chapters.

The address of M. E. Comp. Joseph Emerson Knight, Grand High Priest, is an able and eminently readable document. Poetical quotations usually seem out of place in what is really a business address; but certain verses quoted by the Most Excellent have the merit of being both appropriate and beautiful. One is the now well-known poem of Canon F. G. Scott, a Canadian chaplain at the front, beginning "O pallid Christ within this broken shrine!" and ending "For life is born of life's self-sacrifice." These lines were written in Holy Week, 1915, in Northern France.

The Masonic War Relief Association of the United States receives some attention at the hands of the Grand High Priest. This association was organised at Cincinnati in December, 1914. The General Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Barnard G. Witt, of whom frequent mention is made in this review, said that the purpose of the association was to give an opportunity of exercising "the privilege of contributing to the wants of our distressed brethren and their widows and orphans in the desolated countries occupied by the armies now at war." The Grand High Priest of New Hampshire took a sensible

and practical stand in regard to this fund. "I do not believe," he said, "in sending ostentatious largess beyond the seas, to the neglect of nearer ills at home, but in such a time as this I think we should do what we can without such neglect." No contribution from the funds of Grand Chapter or of the subordinate Chapters was asked for. The Companions were asked to contribute as individuals —the requests being preferred on the occasions of what are called "Visitations" by the Grand Officers—and a very handsome sum was raised in that way and sent in to the headquarters of the association.

The Grand High Priest reported the results of his "Visitations," and so did the other Grand Officers. All the Chapters visited were "in excellent condition and enthusiastic in their work." We take "Visitations" to mean something more than visits—something in the nature of an inspection, like the "Visitation" of a Bishop or an Archdeacon.

The volume containing the proceedings we have been referring to is of goodly size—314 pages. The minutes of the Convocation, including the address of the Grand High Priest, the reports, resolutions, etc., occupy only 42 pages. There are 24 pages containing lists of names, and 3 pages recounting the doings of the Council of the Order of High Priesthood. The remaining 245 pages are taken up with the Report on Foreign Correspondence—excellent in quality, but, we submit with great deference, too long. We imagine that few will undertake the labour of reading the whole of it; it thus defeats its own object. The reviewer is one of the Grand Chaplains, The Reverend Josiah Lafayette Seward, D.D.; his conclusion, dealing with the great war and its lessons, is well worthy of perusal.

Joseph Emerson Knight, Exeter, Grand High Priest.

Harry Morrison Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

New Jersey

The number of subordinate chapters under the sway of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was, on the 12th May, 1915, forty-one, two of these under dispensation, and the total membership was 7,642—an increase of 301 during the year. Grand Chapter met at Trenton on the day named; it was the 59th Annual Convocation. The various reports shewed a prosperous year; the proceedings are printed in a large volume. In reading this and the reports of other State Grand Chapters, a Canadian Royal Arch Mason cannot fail to notice two things: one, that the work of supervision and instruction of subordinate Chapters is entrusted by Grand Chapter to the Grand Lecturer and Assistant Lecturers, and not to Superintendents, as with us; the other, that there exists a grand body in some sense superior to Grand Chapter—the General Grand Chapter of the United States, with a General Grand High Priest, that office being at present filled by an eminent Royal Craftsman, M. E. Comp. Bernard G. Witt, who is most active in visiting the State Grand Chapters. He was at the New Jersey Convocation, and is said to have delivered an inspiring address from the throne of the Grand High Priest. M. E. Comp. Robert A. Meeker, Grand High Priest for 1914, presided over the Convocation, and his deputy, Frederick J. Melvin, was elected his successor.

The Grand Lecturer, M. E. Comp. Henry S. Haines, is also the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and that committee, in addition to the usual report, similar to this, has a special report upon a matter referred to the committee, no less than "the request of certain Companions in the Province of Alberta, in the Dominion of Canada, for fraternal recognition as a Grand Chapter." The committee deals with this in a statesmanlike manner: "In the desire of these disaffected Companions of Alberta to form a Grand Chapter of their own, they are not unde-

serving of sympathy; the remoteness of the control-point of Capitular government, and the expense in time and money in attending meetings at that point, rendering such attendance almost impracticable; but this sympathy should not blind us to the fact that the present Masonic Sovereignty of Canada extends over this territory, and hence we are obliged reluctantly to view the action referred to as one of secession, which our avowed friendship for, and our fellowship with, the Grand Chapter of Canada, gives us reason to deplore. New Jersey firmly and resolutely upholds the so-called American doctrine, now respected the world over, that Masonic jurisdiction should be coterminous with political jurisdiction. By this doctrine, the Grand Chapters of the several States of the American Union are held to be independent bodies; but, unlike the political compact of the United States, the Provinces of Canada are not in the same sense, and in the same degree, autonomous and independent, nor is it in the power of Canada herself to make them so. Viewing the subject in all its aspects, and with some hope that the General Grand Chapter, soon to convene, may be instrumental in lighting our way, we now recommend that action upon the recognition of the Companions of Alberta as a Sovereign Grand Chapter be deferred to a time when its propriety may be more clearly manifested through the possible consent and approval of those to whom they now appear to us to owe their allegiance."

We do not find it stated that this recommendation was adopted, nor that any action was taken by the Grand Chapter, nor that there was any discussion. And so we presume that the recommendation was practically adopted—the recognition asked was certainly not accorded.

No further item of special interest is to be culled from the New Jersey report.

Frederick J. Melvin, Cape May, Grand High Priest.

Peter McGill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.

New Mexico

The 17th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Mexico was held in the hall of Rio Grande Chapter No. 3, in the city of Albuquerque, on the 22nd October, 1914; and the minutes of the proceedings are now before the reviewer. The address of the Grand High Priest for 1913-4, M. E. Comp. Nathan Jaffa, contains nothing notable unless it be the suggestion that the work of the subordinate Chapters should be made uniform under the instruction of the Grand Lecturer, the expense of his attendances being borne by Grand Chapter; this was adopted.

The report of the Grand Secretary shews 18 Chapters; total membership on the 31st August, 1914, 1,137; net gain in a year, 56. All the Chapters are active, and all had made their returns before the day of meeting.

The Grand High Priest in his address made a reference to the correspondence in connection with the Alberta question; and the Committee on the address, whose report was adopted, said: "We cannot recommend the recognition of this new Grand Chapter at this time." In his Report on Foreign Correspondence, Comp. James H. Wroth begins with Alberta and explains and comments upon the situation arising out of the attempted formation of a Grand Chapter without the consent of the existing Grand Body. While criticising the attitude of the Grand Chapter of Canada and likening it to that of Scotland, the reviewer says that, in his opinion, the consent of the Grand Chapter of Canada was absolutely necessary before a legal organisation could be made.

Comp. Wroth's review of the doings of the Grand Chapters is able and excellent.

Amos W. Pollard, Deming, Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

New South Wales

The proceedings before the reviewer are those of five quarterly Convocations, all held at Sydney, the dates being the 11th February, 1914, 13th May, 1914, 12th August, 1914, 13th November, 1914, and 10th February, 1915. M. E. Comp. A. Chandler, Grand Z., presided, and delivered an address at each Convocation. At the Convocation of November, 1914, the Grand Chapter celebrated the semi-jubilee of its institution (in 1889) by a banquet and appropriate speeches. There appear to be 22 subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales, but that does not include all the Royal Arch Masons in the territory. The Grand Chapter of Scotland still holds sway over Chapters in New South Wales. At the Quarterly Convocation of May, 1914, the whole question of divided jurisdiction was reviewed by the Grand Z. in his address, and the following resolution was unanimously passed: "Whereas the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland has recognised the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales as a regularly constituted Grand Royal Arch Body, but, in spite of repeated requests, refuses to recognise it as the sole Sovereign Grand Royal Arch Body in New South Wales, and claims equal sovereign rights with it, and continues to invade its jurisdiction by establishing subordinate Chapters within the territory occupied by it: now it is hereby resolved and declared that the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales renounces all fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and forbids all Masonic intercourse between members of Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales and members of Chapters holding under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, until such time as the said Grand Body shall cease so to invade the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales, and shall recognise the said Grand Chapter as the sole Sove-

reign Grand Body having the right to establish subordinate Chapters within the confines of the territory of New South Wales." The minutes of the proceedings at subsequent Quarterly Convocations contain no reference to the result of this important resolution; it is merely stated that it was communicated to the subordinate Chapters.

In the report of the Grand Committee of General Purposes read at the Quarterly Convocation of February, 1915, appeared this recommendation, which was adopted by Grand Chapter: "That the request from the Grand Chapter of Alberta for recognition, and an exchange of representatives, be not acceded to."

The reports and addresses at the various Quarterlies shew harmony, numerical increase—no figures are given—the formation of new Chapters, and general progress.

There is no correspondence report.

Every quarter there is a detailed report from the Grand Inspector of Workings.

A. Chandler, Grand First Principal.

Alfred J. Burbidge, 32 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

New York

When the reviewer crosses the imaginary boundary and enters the Chapters of this State, he is confronted with large figures—he finds that the Grand Treasurer begins the year with a cash balance on hand of more than $120,000, and adds considerably to it before the end; that the Grand Secretary reports 207 Chapters on the roll, all of which have made returns and paid their dues, with a membership of 40,368, and a net gain in a year of 970, which he deplores as falling below the 1,000 mark; and that the Grand High Priest reports that in visiting the Chapters during his year he has travelled thousands of miles! The proceedings at the 118th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York, con-

vened in the Masonic Temple on the north-west corner of Maiden lane and Lodge street, in the city of Albany, on the 2nd February, 1915, were of great interest. The place of meeting is an historic one. As was said by one of the visitors: "We are meeting to-day on hallowed ground, for on this very site was erected the first Lodge-house in America devoted exclusively to Masonry." The Grand Chapter is itself old, as well as large and wealthy, having been instituted in 1797. It has a number of distinguished men on its roster of Grand High Priests; a portrait and brief biography of one of them, Mordecai Myers, who filled the office in 1834, adorn the pages of the volume now before us.

One of the striking features in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter is the attention paid to representative visitors from other Grand Chapters and the heads of other Masonic bodies. The excellent speeches made in introducing distinguished visitors and the visitors' remarks in reply are reported at length. Among these visitors, we find our own M. E. Comp. Daniel Fraser MacWatt, still at the date of the meeting Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, but *moriturus*. His answer to the welcome of the Grand High Priest was most happily expressed.

A noteworthy and logical departure from the usual routine was the separation of the Grand High Priest's annual deliverance into two parts: one was his "address," somewhat rhetorical in form, in excellent taste, dealing with Masonic topics of general as well as special importance; the other was his "report," a businesslike summary of his official acts. M. E. Comp. Arthur Warren was the presiding Grand High Priest; the usual custom of electing and installing his Deputy as his successor was followed.

At the Convocation of 1914, it was resolved that each subordinate Chapter should be advised to provide in its by-laws for an additional officer, to be known as "Lecturer," who should be the custodian of the Work in that particular Chapter, and whose function should be to instruct the Companions in the standard Work of the Grand Chapter; his rulings on the Work to be conclusive within

the Chapter, subject to an appeal to the Grand Lecturer. The results of this resolution were referred to in the report of the Grand High Priest (1915) as beneficial; and the Grand Lecturer, M. E. Comp. Marshall F. Hemingway, in his report, stated that 170 of the Chapters had chosen Lecturers.

The death of a very eminent Mason, M. E. Comp. Arthur McArthur, a Troy journalist of repute, is recorded in the minutes. Of him the Grand High Priest says: "He was of a genial nature and shed the sunshine of a personality that always radiated a true and fraternal love, and believed in leading his daily life in accordance with his high conception of Masonry." M. E. Comp. Derrick Brown, who was Grand High Priest in 1907, died on the 31st August, 1914, at his home in Poughkeepsie. He was a veteran of the Civil War, a teacher and a journalist.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a special report on the Alberta difficulty, as follows: "That the matter of the request of the alleged Grand Chapter of Alberta, and the protest against the same by the Grand Chapter of Canada, has been before your committee; and, without passing in any way upon the legality or regularity of their organisation, we are of opinion that it is not advisable for us as a Grand Chapter to interfere in any way with the family affairs of the Grand Chapter of Canada, as our relation with that Grand Chapter has always been of a most pleasant and friendly kind, which we earnestly desire to preserve and retain. We therefore recommend that the decision upon this application be deferred until we are in possession of more definite and official information upon the matter." This recommendation was adopted.

The general report of this committee is ably presented by Comp. Marvin I. Greenwood, Chairman. Under "Canada," he pays some well-deserved compliments to R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett, whose correspondence report, he says, is among the best on the list. "His place would be very hard to fill; such men are hard to find."

This is the unanimous opinion of the reviewers, and the present writer cordially agrees with it. Comp. Greenwood's quaint, philosophic conclusion must be quoted: "Peace and harmony abound, and prosperity without measure continues. New South Wales and New Zealand are still hoping that Scotland will recognise them as independent bodies, and now Alberta, on our north, is in the same state of expectancy from Canada. It is a strange thing in this world, and yet it is true, that parents are the last people in the world to recognise the fact that their children have grown up and are ready and competent to do business and act for themselves, and very many times, not until they are actually forced to do so, will they grant that fact and act accordingly."

Alfred A. Adams, 101 West 78th Street, New York, Grand High Priest.

Charles E. Hunt, Masonic Hall, New York, Grand Secretary.

New Zealand

The proceedings of the Annual Convocation, 1915, of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand make up a very small volume; the reason is, that they are minuted with careful conciseness, and that there is no Report on Correspondence; there is much that is interesting in the record. The Convocation was the 23rd Annual, and was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Christchurch, on the 3rd February, 1915. M. E. Comp. W. Smith, Past Grand First Principal, presided—the Grand Z., M. E. Comp. J. J. Esson, being absent on military duty. The first business of importance was the reading of the Report of the Supreme Committee. This committee had met five times during the year preceding the Convocation. "Twelve months ago," the report stated, "your committee had to bemoan the then existing strike as exercising a prejudicial influence in Freemasonry. To-day there is a far greater cause swaying the industrial and social position of the whole world, and which is exerting, directly or indirectly, a deterrent influence on the world's progression, and affects to a greater or less degree every

institution, including Freemasonry." Two new Chapters had been instituted during the year; but one "had become moribund;" "all other Chapters appear to be satisfactorily fulfilling their destiny." There appear to be 33 active Chapters and one Mark Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, with a total membership of 1,589.

The following passage from the Report of the Supreme Committee deserves quotation: "Grand Chapter will very deeply regret the absence of M. E. Comp. J. J. Esson from this Convocation. Though most unostentatious in disposition, our distinguished Companion is possessed of no mean ability, while his suavity of manner is a most attractive characteristic. It was anticipated that this meeting to-day would have been subject to his able rule and governance, and his wise counsels would have materially assisted in our deliberations; but in the great war crisis the call of duty came to him, and as a loyal subject and a good Freemason he responded. As indicating that we are not singular in acknowledging his ability, the military authorities offered our Companion a high appointment which requires great administrative ability; and we, knowing him so well, have the greatest confidence that the trust reposed in him has not been misplaced. While deeply regretting the absence of our esteemed First Grand Principal, we rejoice in his selection to a position of great trust, and it is our fervent hope that he may return unscathed from the terrible conflict which is now raging."

The principal feature of the Supreme Committee's report is an account of negotiations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland in regard to the vexed question of jurisdiction. R. E. Comp. Thomas Ross, Second Grand Principal, had visited Scotland during the previous year, and had conducted negotiations looking to an agreement. He reported to the Supreme Committee on his return to New Zealand, in November, 1914, that he had, at a Quarterly Convocation of the Scottish Grand Chapter, submitted terms of recognition for approval and ratification. The request

for recognition and the terms proposed were apparently referred to the Supreme Grand Committee, and Comp. Ross was assured by the M. E. Depute presiding that they would receive the fullest consideration. This Quarterly Convocation was held in June, 1914; and Comp. Ross apparently returned to New Zealand with the impression that the matter would soon be settled. But, to quote again from the able report of the New Zealand Supreme Committee, "unfortunately, in the month of September, 1914, when we were anticipating that our application was being considered at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, your committee were startled by advice received from our Grand Superintendent of Auckland to the effect that a new Chapter was being opened in Ponsonby during that month, and advising that a cable of protest be sent to Scotland." A protest was cabled on the 7th September; the reply came by letter from the Grand Scribe E., in Edinburgh, regretting that nothing could be done until the meeting of the Supreme Committee on the 4th December. It seems that the matter had not progressed further when the New Zealand Annual Convocation was held in February, 1915. There was much discussion over the committee's report, and a suspension of relations between the two Grand Bodies was suggested, but no action was taken—the feeling apparently being that the matter was *sub judice,* and that the war had been a source of delay.

The Alberta difficulty is sympathetically treated in the Report of the Supreme Committee. "In July last," says the report, "an application for recognition was received from a body styling itself the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Canada. In the long printed document sent, it would appear that the only reason for the action was the long distance from Alberta to Toronto." M. E. Comp. MacWatt's protest was also received, and it is set out in the report. To quote again from the report: "Grand Scribe E. was instructed to obtain more detailed particulars from the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta as to the reasons for its secession. . . . From various sources Grand Scribe E. has been enabled to summarise the following points:

(1) That all R. A. Chapters in Alberta were subject to the Grand Chapter of Canada, which has sovereign rites. (2) That the movement for secession or rebellion was not by any means unanimous in the District or Province of Alberta. (3) That it would appear that, had there been an unanimous desire to constitute Alberta a separate Masonic Province for the purposes of Royal Arch Masonry, and had the Grand Chapter of Canada been fittingly approached, its consent would have been obtained without any disturbance of Masonic harmony." This was approved by Grand Chapter without discussion. It is nowhere said that recognition was accorded or withheld —but an inference may easily be drawn.

Arthur Charles Andrews, Christchurch, Grand Z.

Herbert J. Williams, Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

North Carolina

The proceedings at the 67th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, held in Asheville, on the 11th and 12th May, 1915, were not altogether devoid of interest, though mostly of routine character. The printed report did not reach the reviewer's hands until early in December; the delay may have been accidental, for the volume is a small one owing to the omission of the usual correspondence report. M. E. Comp. Albert S. Guerard, Grand High Priest—a strikingly handsome and forceful man, as his portrait in the forefront of the little book before us indicates—presided and delivered an excellent address, from which we take these significant words: "We have dwelt together in unity; no discord has existed; and we have laboured to produce work entitling us to wages. Our ranks have been increased and we have prospered. We have contributed to the needs of the orphans and the infirm, aided the sufferers from war, and assisted in the education of worthy pupils. We may feel happily assured that these pleasures and privileges have gladdened hearts, and so enter upon the business before us with the knowledge that God has been good to us."

From the Grand Secretary's report it appears that there are 48 chartered Chapters, two of them new ones, and one Chapter under dispensation, in the North Carolina jurisdiction; that the total membership is 3,724; and that there was a net gain of 318 in a year. The visiting and inspection of the 49 Chapters was undertaken and carried out by two of the Grand Chapter officers; we gather that in the future all the Grand Chapter officers are to be engaged in the work. There is a Grand Lecturer, but there are no District Superintendents. The Grand Secretary (R. E. Comp. John B. Griggs) concludes his report thus: "The last report of the Grand Lodge shews that we have in North Carolina about 25,000 Master Masons, and it occurs to me that we should not rest content with an annual increase of from 200 to 300. I trust and believe that a more complete and thorough awakening in the Chapters of North Carolina is near at hand." The Grand Royal Arch Captain, R. E. Comp. John P. Phœnix, who shared with the Grand Secretary the labours of inspection, says practically the same thing, in an interesting report upon the subordinate Chapters visited by him.

Throughout the report there are constant allusions to the loss sustained by Grand Chapter in the death of M. E. Comp. James Southgate, not only a Past Grand High Priest, but for 20 years Grand Chapter's Committee on Correspondence, and said to be the *doyen* of the correspondence corps. Comp. Leon Cash was appointed to succeed the lamented Companion as correspondent and reviewer. Instead of the usual review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, Comp. Cash has written, under the title of "In Memoriam," something of the life-history of Comp. Southgate—a man well-beloved by his Companions. He was a school-master, and later a successful insurance man. "He was all that a man may be in manliness, in gentleness, and in goodness. As a tribute of respect to his memory and to commend his upright life and valuable services, the space usually devoted to the Correspondence Report is reserved as a memorial. . . . . James Southgate was born at Edgefield, Gloucester

County, Virginia, on the 26th July, 1832. . . . In 1861, at the call of his country, he put aside the Latin Grammar and the Greek Lexicon and took up the musket and the bayonet to defend, and if need be to die for, what he conceived to be right. . . . There were two great forces in civilisation to which he directed his strength, his mind, and his whole personality. The one was religion, and the other Masonry. . . . He was not a genius; measured by the usual standard of the world, he was not a great man; but he was a man of deep and abiding convictions, of unquestioning and victorious faith, of unbounded and inflexible courage, and a capacity to love not often seen among men." The type is not unknown to us, rare as it is. It is almost a truism that the best work in Masonry is done not by those who are accounted by the world at large eminent or great, but by those who have big hearts in addition to sound judgment and strict morals, and add to these the quality or gift of enthusiasm. Comp. Cash has penned a touching tribute to a veteran of singular gifts and graces.

To Comp. Cash, as the Committee on Correspondence, was also entrusted the duty of reporting on the Alberta difficulty. The operative part of his report is brief; and, as it is in its essence different from any other that we have seen, we reproduce it in full: "In view of the conflict of authority, and in view of the further fact that your committee is not fully informed as to the legality of the action of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, nor of the continued right of the Grand Chapter of Canada to exercise authority over all the subordinate Chapters of the Province of Alberta, against the protest of a part forming the Grand Chapter of Alberta, the latter claiming that they are not seceding from the Grand Chapter of Canada, but are exercising a Masonic right in line with the principle of coincident coterminousness of political and Masonic boundaries—which, they say, is an acknowledged law in the Grand Masonic bodies of England, Ireland and Scotland—your committee recommends that we await the decision of the three last-named Grand Bodies, and defer action in the matter of recognition and exchange of cour-

tesies until such a time as we may be more full informed as to the rights of each." This report was not dealt with by Grand Chapter; the matter of recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was left for decision to the four principal Grand Officers, who, on the 23rd June, 1915, informed the Grand Secretary that they had "voted to sustain the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and defer final action on recognition until the Annual Convocation of 1916."

George S. Norfleet, Winston-Salem, Grand High Priest.

John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary.

North Dakota

The reported proceedings of Grand Chapters often appear to be formal and of routine character. When carefully studied, however, each volume reveals something which may be said to be of more than domestic interest and concern. On opening the neat volume containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota at its 26th Annual Convocation, held in the magnificent new Masonic Temple at Grand Forks, on the 16th June, 1915, one is confronted with the "portrait of a gentleman," and it turns out to be the Grand High Priest who presided at the Convocation, M. E. Comp. John Henry Fraine, lawyer, legislator, veteran soldier of the Spanish-American war, and eminent Mason—he is now Lieutenant-Governor of the State. The excellent plan adopted by some of Grand Chapters of giving a brief biographical sketch of the retiring Grand High Priest, as well as a photograph, is followed by North Dakota; and the summary of Comp. Fraine's career, furnished by the Grand Secretary, reveals a man who has risen by his own efforts from a humble to an exalted position; there are many such tales to be told of exalted Masons—there cannot be too many.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a model one. The whole of the introductory portion may be quoted with advantage. "This 26th Annual Convocation signal-

ises the completion of the first quarter century of existence of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota. Starting as it did, 25 years ago, with 7 constituent Chapters and a total membership of 355, it has now 22 chartered Chapters, one Chapter under dispensation, and 2,802 Companions, exclusive of Williston Chapter, as members thereof. At that time the total assets of the Grand Chapter of this State amounted to $276.27, while at the present time there is a balance of $11,197.36. This is, however, only the material side of the picture; mere members or assets never have constituted and never will constitute Masonic strength. There must be, in order to achieve the result aimed at by the Genius of Masonry, a body of Companions filled with fervency, zeal, friendship, purity of heart and unity of purpose in seeking to better mankind, which alone justifies the existence of this Order, and should actuate all who seek to become members thereof. I am fain to believe that, in all things that go toward making Royal Arch Masonry a force for good, the Companions in this State stand well up toward the top, even though in mere numerical strength they are outclassed by older and more populous jurisdictions. One year ago you honoured me by electing me as your Grand High Priest. I have tried to perform the duties of that office since then. If I have failed, it is because of my natural infirmities of temper or lack of strength. If I have succeeded, it is because of the excellent corps of officers you elected at that time and because of the unity of spirit that pervades the Craft throughout the State."

The appointment of a skilled Royal Arch Mason as Grand Lecturer and Auditor is noted—M. E. Comp. Sylvester J. Hill, who visited, for the purpose of instruction and audit, each of the Chapters.

The Grand Secretary's report shewed 97 as the net gain in aggregate membership of the 22 Chapters.

There was some discussion over the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, recommending that no action be taken on the request for recognition of the

Alberta Grand Chapter—so-called—but the motion to adopt the report was carried.

M. E. Comp. Laurence G. Moultrie, who was elected and installed as Grand High Priest for 1915-16, addressing the Grand Chapter at the close of the proceedings, said that "he felt that his election as the head of the Grand Chapter was a recognition of his profession as a clergyman as well as a recognition of him as a man and as a Mason. Masonry and the Church ought to work together for the good of mankind."

The "Report on Fraternal Correspondence" was presented by M. E. Comp. E. George Guthrie, the appointed "Fraternal Correspondent." It was his maiden effort, this Grand Chapter not having previously indulged itself in the luxury of a review of the doings of other Grand Chapters. The M. E. Comp. has produced a good review; we note that he pays much attention to our own Grand Chapter and the Alberta difficulty.

The Rev. Laurence G. Moultrie, Valley City, Grand High Priest.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

Nova Scotia

Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland are included in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. There are 17 subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 1,515, shewing a net gain of 76 in a year. The 45th Annual Grand Convocation was held at Halifax on the 9th June, 1914. (No report of the Convocation of 1915, held at Charlottetown, on the 22nd June, has as yet come to hand). The retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Andrew J. Munro, presided, and made an address which, though brief, was of good quality. He alluded to the increased membership and to the "highly prosperous and prospering condition" of Royal Arch Masonry in that jurisdiction. This Convocation, looking at the date, seems to have been held in a

remote age. Of course there is no word of the war. In the year and some months that have since passed, our conceptions of prosperity, of patriotism, of duty, of honour, have undergone revision; and the difference in treatment of Masonic subjects is quite manifest when we contrast this report with others of a later date which lie before us.

In this Grand Chapter, as it appears, there are no District Grand Superintendents, nor is there a Grand Lecturer. The inspection of the subordinate Chapters is undertaken by the Grand High Priest himself and by such deputies as he specially appoints. M. E. Comp. Munro personally visited 13 of the Chapters and reported upon their condition and work. Shannon Chapter, Newfoundland, was visited and reported upon by E. Comp. William A. Ellis as Representative of the Grand High Priest for Newfoundland. The three remaining Chapters were visited by the Grand Secretary, who wrote thereanent an interesting report.

R. E. Comp. George D. Macdougall was elected and duly installed as M. E. Grand High Priest; R. E. Comp. Frederick L. Shaffner became, by election and installation, Grand King; and R. E. Comp. John G. Mitchell, Grand Scribe. In this Grand Chapter there is no Deputy Grand High Priest.

The decease of four distinguished members of this Grand Chapter was recorded: M. E. Comp. William Beairsto Alley, P.G.H.P.; M. E. Comp. John W. Ruhland, P.G.H.P.; M. E. Comp. Thomas Trenaman, P.G.H.P.; and R. E. Comp. Charles Speire Pinsent, for 19 years Grand Representative in Newfoundland of the Grand High Priest.

Unlike nearly all other Grand Chapters, this one has a Committee on Foreign Correspondence composed of three working members—that is to say, the annual review of the proceedings of foreign jurisdictions is not the work of one hand, but of three. The foreign reports are dis-

tributed among the three, and the reviewer of each appends his initials.

Harmony, as well as prosperity, prevailed in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in the period with which the report deals.

The printed report of the June, 1915, proceedings of this Grand Chapter reached us in December. Grand Chapter met at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on the 22nd June. This was the 46th Annual Grand Convocation. The M. E. Grand High Priest elected in 1914, as above stated, George D. Macdougall, began his address with the remarks following, indicative of the change which had taken place since the Halifax meeting: "When we met in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in June of last year, all the world practically was at peace. Not long thereafter, however, the war clouds broke with awful suddenness, and to-day almost all the civilised world is plunged into the depths of a gigantic war, the frightfulness of which has never been, and the end is nowhere in sight. Many of the members of our Royal Craft have gone forth to do their share for King and Country, for honour, justice, freedom, and right. . . . Peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction, and our relations with foreign jurisdictions remain unbroken."

The Grand High Priest, during his year of office, visited all the 17 subordinate Chapters of the jurisdiction. His visit to the far-off Shannon Chapter at St. John's, Newfoundland, consumed 6 days of the 4 weeks spent in official visits; but the results were evidently gratifying. The Grand High Priest travelled, for the purpose of his visits, about 4,500 miles; and he gratefully notes the hospitality and courtesy with which he was everywhere received.

The Alberta difficulty was thus alluded to by the Grand High Priest: "Our Grand Secretary received a communication in June, 1914, officially advising him of the erection of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, the said Grand Chapter being formed of Chapters

until then in obedience to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and asking for the fraternal recognition of this Grand Chapter. Subsequent letters, documents, and copies of annual proceedings, which are in the hands of our Grand Secretary, oblige me to suggest to you that this request be not complied with at this Convocation." On this matter some discussion took place, and, after full explanation, Grand Chapter resolved "that the recommendation of the Grand High Priest regarding the Grand Chapter of Alberta be concurred in, and that further consideration of this matter be deferred until our next Annual Convocation."

The three M. E. Comps., W. Marshall Black, Samuel J. Waddell, and Thomas Van B. Bingay, who compose the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, humorously express, by way of preface, some doubt as to whether any one but the reviewers of other jurisdictions read what they take the trouble to write. It may at least be said that their review is worth reading; it is concise and contains much valuable information. Referring, under the head of "Canada," to the Alberta difficulty, the committee says: "We look on it as a question which can, should, and no doubt will be honourably adjusted by the parties most interested, and refer to it only to express our sorrow that so unfortunate a situation should have arisen and our hope and trust that wise counsel shall prevail."

The Grand Secretary in his report says: "The year just closed has not been one of great material progress, but may we not hope that the very exceptional circumstances under which we have been living for the past 10 months may have drawn us, and may continue to draw us, more closely together, and may inspire us with higher and more ennobling ideas of the sublime principles that underlie our loved institution?" The aggregate membership of the 17 Chapters was slightly increased; it was 1,515 in 1914, and 1,528 in 1915—a net gain of 13.

Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown, Grand High Priest.

Samuel J. Waddell, Truro, Grand Secretary.

Ohio

The Grand Chapter of Ohio is nearly one hundred years old; it was constituted in 1816. The 98th Annual Convocation was held at Youngstown on the 7th and 8th October, 1914. One of the notable features of the Convocation was the reception of M. E. Comp. Bernard G. Witt, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America. The addresses of welcome and the reply of Comp. Witt are set out in full in the report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter. These addresses are excellent in their way, full of good humour and brotherly love, but nothing of general interest is to be extracted from them. The address of the retiring Grand High Priest, William E. Evans, reviewing the events of the year, is a good business summary, as it should be, dealing with strictly domestic concerns. Perhaps the most interesting thing to the outsider is a reference to the method adopted by this Grand Chapter for the inspection of subordinate Chapters. There is no Grand Lecturer, there are no District Superintendents, and no Inspectors *eo nomine;* the Past Grand High Priests and the Grand Officers are organised by the Grand High Priest into an inspection corps, and certain Chapters are assigned to each officer, who reports to the Grand High Priest; some of the inspections are made by the Grand High Priest himself; and he assures Grand Chapter that the system has worked well and has stimulated the interest of the Companions. With pardonable pride, he says that there are "more exaltations this year than in any year in the history of this Grand Chapter," and there has been "the largest net gain in membership." Among State Grand Chapters, Ohio stands third numerically, being surpassed by New York and Illinois only. The number of active chartered Chapters is 176, and there are 5 under dispensation; the total membership on the 31st July, 1914, stood at 37,184; net gain for the year 2,024. One Chapter had 105 exaltations and a net gain of 107.

There is a Masonic Home at Springfield, Ohio, to which reference is frequently made in the proceedings; it

appears to be well supported by regular and special contributions.

Following the usual course, Grand Chapter elected the Deputy Grand High Priest, Charles L. Harrod, of Columbus, to succeed William E. Evans as Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which the Alberta question was referred, made a special report as follows: "The establishment of the Grand Chapter of Alberta has been accomplished without the consent of and against the apparent protest of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The Grand Chapter of Ohio is asked to extend fraternal recognition to this new Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter of Canada, through its First Grand Principal Z., desires that this be not done, claiming the action of those Companions is one of sedition and is traitorous, and stating that the leaders of this movement have been suspended from all rights and privileges of legitimate Royal Arch Masonry. The Grand Chapter of Ohio has for many years held uninterrupted fraternal intercourse with the Grand Chapter of Canada, and is desirous that this condition shall continue. With the kindest feeling toward all Royal Arch Masons, and at this time especially with the Companions of Alberta, this Grand Chapter deems it unwise under present conditions to take any action in the premises." This report was adopted by Grand Chapter. It may be taken as fairly expressing the sentiment prevailing in most of the Grand bodies regarding the unhappy Alberta difficulty.

The framer of this report, M. E. Comp. Orion P. Sperra, also ably reviews the proceedings of the other Grand Chapters, in the usual "Report on Foreign Correspondence."

This Grand Chapter has a "Necrologist," who performs the work assigned in our Grand Chapter to the Committee on the Fraternal Dead. He made a report which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the proceedings. It is printed: it occupies two pages and a

half of a volume similar to this in size. Less than one page is occupied with a slight account of some of the most notable of those who died within the year. It is stated that the address of the Grand High Priest supplies the names and titles of the honoured dead. The remainder of the report consists of general remarks on the subject of death, with four quotations in verse and two in prose. We cull this gem:—

"Oh! Sweet is the peace
"When the storm shall cease
"At His own almighty call.
"But sweeter to know,
"While the tempests blow
"We are safe in the midst of all."

Ex uno disce omnes.

Just at the close of the year 1915, the report of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter at its 99th Annual Convocation, held at Cincinnati, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, on the 6th and 7th October, 1915, came to hand. M. E. Comp. Charles L. Harrod, whose election is chronicled above, presided as Grand High Priest, and recounted the doings of a year of earnest work, marked by extraordinary growth and prosperity. The following figures are interesting: number of active chartered Chapters, 181; under dispensation, 3; number of members July 31, 1914 (as above), 37,184; membership July 31, 1915, 39,136; net gain, 1,952. The net gain was 72 less than in the previous year, but greater than in any other year.

The meeting of the General Grand Chapter at San Francisco was held just before this Convocation at Cincinnati, and there was naturally a good deal said about it in the address of the Grand High Priest. Like the representatives of other Grand Chapters, the Ohio officers who were present as delegates at San Francisco, are loud in their praises of the manly fidelity, hospitality, and generosity of the San Francisco Companions.

The report of the superintendent and other officers of the Ohio Masonic Home is interesting reading. This

excellent charitable work is growing and expanding year by year—a tangible proof of the reality of Masonic service.

The Ohio necrologist is still "dropping into poetry;" his selections this year are of a higher grade; and the tone of his remarks is excellent. It is difficult for any necrologist to avoid platitudes; he naturally takes refuge in the words of imaginative writers, whether in verse or prose.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence by M. E. Comp. Orion P. Sperra, Past Grand High Priest, is worthy of all praise—faithful, painstaking, and concise.

Under "Canada" we find the only allusion in the whole of the 1915 proceedings to our domestic trouble, as follows: "The Grand Z. deals at length with the Alberta revolt, which we do not feel like considering at this time, as the Grand Chapter of Ohio, at its last Convocation, disposed of this question."

We conclude with Comp. Sperra's own final words, of a homely eloquence that impresses itself: "It is a long and irksome journey from Alabama to Wyoming, but we have again accomplished it. We have found, in our investigation, that, with the exception of those Grand Jurisdictions that are more or less afflicted with war conditions and results, the Capitular world is continuing, in its quiet and conservative manner—earnest and industrious—to supply the elements that go to make success in every highway of life, and which have always been at the base of Royal Arch doings. This has produced prosperity and progress; it has also reduced friction to a minimum. While such a condition is ideal, the reviewer is not furnished with much that will aid him in his work. We congratulate the Craft on its magnificent condition and its helpfulness in broadening and elevating human character."

Frederick J. Crane, Garretsville, Grand High Priest.

Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary.

Oklahoma

This Grand Chapter was instituted in 1890, and its 26th Annual Convocation was held at Oklahoma City on the 20th and 21st April, 1915; the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Charles Worman Tedrowe, of Elk City, presiding. According to the usual, though not invariable, custom of State Grand Chapters, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Edgar Cook, was elected Grand High Priest, and each of the other Grand Officers—excepting the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, and Grand Chaplain—was advanced a step.

Bernard Gratz Witt, of Henderson, Kentucky, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was present at this Convocation; he made an address and was elected an honorary life member of Grand Chapter with the high rank of Emeritus Past Grand High Priest. He appears to be ubiquitous; his presence must always be an inspiration; he seems positively to overflow with brotherly love.

A prominent part in the proceedings was taken by one who is affectionately termed "Father Murrow"—Comp. Joseph Samuel Murrow, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, the founder and organiser of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

Allusions throughout the proceedings to the Masonic Home at Darlington, to the Masonic Relief Association, and to other institutions to which aid has been given, give an idea of the scope of the benevolent activities of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter celebrated the 25th Anniversary of its institution by what are termed "Quarter Centennial Exercises"—welcoming the survivors of the first Convocation, responses, and reminiscences.

The work of inspection is done by the Grand Officers, as in many other Grand Chapters. The jurisdictional territory is divided into five districts. There are 72 subor-

dinate Chapters, with a total membership of 5,271; increase in a year, 71.

The proceedings of other Grand Chapters are ably reviewed by M. E .Comp. Leo Edmund Bennett, P.G.H. P., Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

Harmony and substantial progress are the notes of this Grand Chapter.

Edgar Cook, Oklahoma City, Grand High Priest.

Leo Edmund Bennett, Muskogee, Grand Secretary.

Oregon

The Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Comp. Clyde Evans, presided at the 55th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, held in the Masonic Temple, Portland, on the 14th June, 1915. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. L. Clay Marshall, was stricken with paralysis at his home in Albany, Oregon, just five days after he was installed as Grand High Priest, and died the same evening without regaining consciousness. The Deputy Grand High Priest acted throughout the year as Grand High Priest, and at this Convocation made the usual address, giving an account of his official acts. The Grand Scribe, R. E. Comp. J. E. Godfrey, also died in the course of the year.

In the address referred to and in other parts of the proceedings, reference is made to the Alberta difficulty, but action in regard to it was "deferred until our next Annual Convocation, hoping that by that time all differences may be adjusted by the two jurisdictions."

A perplexing question came up for decision. "A Mason formerly living in the East comes here to reside, and makes application to both Blue Lodge and Chapter. It so happens that he is ballotted on first in the Chapter and elected, while the Blue Lodge rejects him. What is his status?" The acting Grand High Priest sent the question to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who were divid-

ed upon it. He then submitted it to Grand Chapter, giving his own opinion as follows: "We should require members petitioning Chapters to be in good standing in some Blue Lodge before petitioning for Chapter. . . . Inasmuch as we require Chapter members to remain in good standing in the Blue Lodge after affiliation, they should be affiliated Blue Lodge Masons when their petitions are received by a Chapter." This opinion was adopted by the Grand Chapter, and a decision rendered in accordance with it. The difficulty in arriving at a decision probably arose from the wording of the constitution and by-laws, which are not before us. The decision appears to be a wise one, as it avoids an awkward situation.

There are 35 subordinate Chapters; the total membership, on the 31st December, 1914, was 4,052; net gain in a year, 216.

There appears to be no systematic inspection of subordinate Chapters; the Acting Grand High Priest expressed the opinion that some such system should be introduced; but no action was taken at this Convocation.

The Acting Grand High Priest was thanked by Grand Chapter for his excellent work, and was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year.

The annual review of the proceedings of other jurisdictions is the work of M. E. Comp. Henry B. Thielsen, P.G.H.P., and is quite voluminous. It is notable for a summary of the Alberta side of the trouble, under "Alberta," and a summary of our side of it, under Canada.

Clyde Evans, Portland, Grand High Priest.

James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania

This old and strong Grand Chapter had, at its Annual Grand Communication, held on the Festival of S. John the Evangelist, the 28th December, 1914, the unique "ex-

perience of having to elect from the floor the three throne officers. The station of Most Excellent Grand High Priest became vacant by expiration of the conventional term of two years' service; the vacancy in the station of Most Excellent King was caused by the death of its incumbent in August last; and that of the Most Excellent Grand Scribe by the death of its incumbent in January of the fatal year 1914. So, at the December Quarterly, a Most Excellent Grand High Priest, a Most Excellent Grand King, and a Most Excellent Grand Scribe, were elected to serve for the ensuing Masonic Year." This extract from the conclusion of the report of the Committee on Correspondence conveniently states the nature of an extraordinary crisis in the affairs of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and also marks some of the existing distinctions between it and other Grand Chapters.

The principal or throne officers are the Grand High Priest, the Grand King, and the Grand Scribe; the Grand Chapter has Quarterly Communications, as well as an Annual Grand Communication; and the Annual Communication is held at the end of the calendar year. There are other interesting things about Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masonry. The year ending on the 27th December, 1914, was the 119th year of its existence; the membership is large—35,118; and there are 138 subordinate Chapters.

The retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. George B. Wells, commenting on the membership in his annual address, said that, while there was a steady growth (nearly 1,000 during the year), the increase was slower than it should be.

He also referred to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, where Grand Chapter was meeting, as "the largest, most costly, and magnificent building in the world devoted exclusively to Masonic uses," but added: "So steady and rapid has been the growth of the fraternity that it (the building) is already too small for the needs of the Craft, and even now our Chapters at times find it impossible to get accommodations to which they are

entitled. I would earnestly urge that serious consideration be given at an early date to the planning for a home for Capitular Masonry for the needs of a half century to come. This may be done by co-operation with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in changes which must sooner or later be made, but I would prefer a building of our own, of size and appointments commensurate with the dignity of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania."

Another unusual feature is the existence of three Mark Lodges, apparently under the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter, with a membership of 346.

The correspondence report is undertaken by a committee of five (one being the Grand Secretary), each of whom contributes an assigned proportion of the reviews of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. This work, if it is permissible to say so with great respect, is excellently done.

Porter W. Lowry, P.O. Box 382, Butler, Pa., Grand High Priest.

Stockton Bates, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Quebec

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Quebec at its 38th Annual Convocation (Montreal, 24th March, 1915), are reported in an unpretentious but extremely well-printed volume of only 141 pages. M. E. Comp. Arthur Barton Wood presided, and was re-elected Grand First Principal. In his address he naturally referred to the war, and he pointed out the Red Cross and Belgian Relief funds as those to which the aid of Royal Arch Masons might best be directed. Reference was also made to a Church Service for Royal Arch Masons of the Montreal District, held on the 22nd November, 1914, "when an exceedingly fine discourse on the Pillars of Royal Arch Masonry was delivered by Comp. Allen P. Shatford, the

Rector of the Church" in which the service was held—S. James the Apostle, Montreal. The sermon is printed in the proceedings, and is well worth perusal.

There are 14 Chapters in the Quebec jurisdiction, with a total membership at the end of 1914 of 1,659; increase in a year, 53. The jurisdiction is divided into 4 districts, with a Grand Superintendent for each; the reports of these officers are printed in the proceedings. There is a Grand Lecturer, whose report on the work of the Chapters is also printed.

In the report on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, written by M. E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, Chairman, the Alberta "muddle," as our domestic difficulty is termed, receives much attention; no definite opinion, however, was expressed by the reviewer, and Grand Chapter did no more than receive the report of the Committee, who asked for time to consider the matter further.

It is impossible to close this brief notice of the Quebec proceedings without expressing admiration for the manner in which they are recorded—simple, dignified, and concise. We have not been able to find a line of verse in any one of the 141 pages!

Arthur Barton Wood, Montreal, Grand First Principal Z.

Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

Rhode Island

There is very little to record about the doings of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island. The volume before us deals with the 116th Annual Convocation, held in Freemasons Hall, Providence, on the 10th March, 1914. M. E. Comp. Arthur B. Tyler, retiring Grand High Priest, presided, and the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Comp. James H. Thurston, was elected and installed as Grand High Priest for the ensuing 12 months. This is rather

ancient history, but was not chronicled in last year's review. Rhode Island is a small State; and the Grand Chapter has not a very large membership. There are 11 subordinate Chapters; the total number of members on the 1st March, 1914, was 4,314; net gain in a year, 133. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is ably presented by M. E. Comp. S. Penrose Williams, P.G.H.P.—based for the most part upon the proceedings of Grand Chapters for 1913.

Later in the year, the report for 1915 was received. The official year of M. E. Comp. James H. Thurston, mentioned above as Grand High Priest, was not an eventful one. Steady progress was made, and harmony prevailed. The 117th Annual Convocation was held at Providence on the 9th March, 1915. Rhode Island has one very large Chapter—Providence Chapter at Providence—and ten smaller ones; nearly all shewed growth. There was a net gain during the year of 253. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reporting on the Alberta question, said: "Your committee cannot believe otherwise than that the Grand Chapter of Canada—recognising the inevitable—will soon withdraw its opposition to this its promising offspring. Anticipating this pleasing possibility, we will offer no recommendations at the present time." The report is signed by M. E. Comp S. Penrose Williams as Chairman, and was "received and recorded." There is an able review by the same Companion of the proceedings of Grand Chapters for 1914.

Edward M. Wheeler, 570 Public Street, Providence, Grand High Priest.

William R. Greene, Freemasons Hall, Providence, Grand Secretary.

Scotland

Our hearts turn to Scotland. Do we no' ken the Scottish Rite? And is na' the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland the Mother of Chapters in all parts of the Empire and beyond? For once let us quote with

appreciation the first stanza of the Hymn of National Prayer sung by the Companions of the Grand Chapter after the Installation and Investiture of the Grand Office-bearers (not Officers, mark you!) at the Annual Convocation held on the 19th March, 1915 (the Vernal Equinox), in the Royal Arch Masons' Hall, Edinburgh:—

> "Lord, while for all mankind we pray,
> "Of every clime and coast,
> "O hear us for our native land,
> "The land we love the most!"

The Earl of Cassilis, elected First Grand Principal at the Quarterly Convocation held two weeks earlier (they have "Quarterlies" in Scotland, as well as in Pennsylvania), was absent with his regiment at the front, and so was not installed. He telegraphed a greeting. The first office-bearer to be installed was the "*Depute* First Grand Principal"—another characteristic touch—John H. F. K. Scott, of Gala.

There was presented to the Supreme Grand Chapter, at this Convocation, a beautiful framed photograph of the late Lord James C. P. Murray, who was First Grand Principal from 1859 to 1863. Lord James Murray was a Crimean veteran; the photograph was presented by his daughter.

After the close of the Grand Chapter, which sat for these ceremonies and not for business—that apparently being transacted at the Quarterlies—the members proceeded to the Banqueting Hall, "where a simple collation was served," and the usual loyal toasts given and responded to.

In the minutes of the proceedings of a quarterly meeting of the Supreme Grand Committee held on the 4th June, 1915, we find allusions to a fund for the relief of distress caused by the war and to the American Masonic Relief Fund, a part of which was gratefully accepted for Scotland, and its distribution undertaken by a committee of eminent members of the Craft.

The territory ruled over by the Grand Chapter of Scotland is divided into 32 districts, 21 in Scotland itself. As examples of the others, let us take India, The Transvaal, New South Wales, New Zealand, Trinidad. Outside of the districts, there are some isolated Chapters—two in Turkey, one in British Columbia, one in Chili, and several others. This wide sway has its drawbacks.

The attitude of the Grand Chapter of Scotland towards foreign and colonial Grand Chapters is a subject of much discussion in the Capitular World.

There is interesting matter in the reports of the District Superintendents, coming from all parts of the world.

After the above had been written, the reviewer received the report of a Quarterly Convocation held at Edinburgh on the 18th June, 1915. The following paragraph in the report strikingly exemplifies the scope of this Grand Chapter's undertaking and the Universality of Freemasonry: "On the recommendation of the Supreme Grand Committee, a petition from Companions Sri Pusapati Viziaram Raj, Chapa Mangaya Nayudu, Periakuppam Munisubba Narasaya, and others, for a charter to a Chapter to meet at Vizianagram, India, to be called Chapter Viziaram, was unanimously granted. The Charter was ordered to be *expede* in favour of the petitioners as craved, and the number 396 was assigned to the new Chapter." We also read that "the report of the Grand Superintendent of Central South Africa was received with much pleasure and interest." There is no report on correspondence, but it was announced that the proceedings of certain Grand Chapters had been received. At this Convocation, we read, "there was presented by Comp. W. A. Davis, to Supreme Grand Chapter, an excellent photograph of M. E. Comp. Sir William Drummond of Logiealmond, the first Grand Z. of Supreme Chapter at its institution in 1817."

The proceedings at a Quarterly meeting of the Supreme Grand Committee held on the 3rd September, 1915,

are incorporated with the proceedings of the Quarterly Convocation just referred to; but they afford no matter for comment.

The Earl of Cassilis, Grand Z.

A. A. Arbuthnot Murray, 76 Queen Street, Edinburgh, Grand Scribe E.

South Carolina

The Grand Chapter of South Carolina, instituted in 1811, held its 104th Annual Grand Convocation at Greenwood on the 13th April, 1915. M. E. Comp. George S. Mower, Newberry, Grand High Priest, who presided, delivered an address, detailing his official acts during the year of his incumbency, and dealing with various subjects, such as the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States, the Masonic Home Fund, and the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. He recorded also the death during the year of an eminent Mason and Past Grand High Priest of South Carolina, Augustine Thomas Smythe, of Charleston, a veteran of the Civil War, a successful and accomplished lawyer, and for 14 years a State Senator.

The report of the Grand Secretary shewed 34 active constituent Chapters with 3,170 members—a gain of 169 in a year.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence reported as follows: "The only matter referred to us for consideration is the question of fraternal recognition of a body styled 'The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.' A careful consideration of the facts before us leads us to the conclusion that fraternal recognition should not be accorded to this body at this time."

The volume containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter is, according to custom, largely made up of lists of names of Companions and the Correspondence Report —the "Annual Review of the Capitular World," as M. E. Comp. J. L. Michie, P.G.H.P., who signs the report,

calls it. The introductory remarks and the conclusions of these reports are often most interesting. Special attention may be drawn to Comp. Michie's "conclusion," which contains valuable information and shrewd comments.

George Twiggs Bryan, Greenville, Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

South Dakota

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are of more than ordinary interest. The 26th Annual Convocation was held at Sioux Falls on the 10th June, 1915; M. E. Comp. Hubert W. Bartlett, retiring Grand High Priest, presided, and made a brief address, in which he quoted the report of the Grand Lecturer upon the work of the subordinate Chapters; he (the Grand Lecturer) had visited 28 out of 37. The Grand High Priest candidly admitted that he himself had visited but two, one his Mother Chapter and the other a Chapter which needed strengthening. In speaking of the former he said that his visit was to him a source of great pleasure, "as it was the only privilege I have had in six years to be present in any Chapter except the Grand Chapter." This is rather extraordinary, and the more so as there appears to be no established system of inspection in this jurisdiction—that is, so far as shewn by the printed proceedings. From the report of the Grand Secretary, who has been in office almost from the institution of the Grand Chapter, it appears that the 37 Chapters have an aggregate membership of 3,570, and that the net gain in a year was 191. The Treasurer's budget is not a large one, but the cash surplus is apparently increasing year by year.

M. E. Comp. Louis G. Levoy, Committee on Correspondence, presented a special report on the Alberta difficulty, going into the questions involved at great length. He gives critical consideration to the arguments advanced by the Alberta seceders and also to the representations made by the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada. "The question is," writes the learned reviewer, "has the Grand Chapter of Alberta proven its case

—did it proceed by regular steps to legalise its existence? On the face of its proceedings, yes; on that of the proceedings of Canada, no. The vote of 5 to 4 is not a majority of 14; the 7 Chapters claimed by Alberta do not make a majority; their membership of 775 is not a majority as against 807 for Canada. The resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter of Canada, at its 1915 session, permitting the Chapters in Alberta to take a vote to consider the matter of a Grand Chapter for the Province, is a concession by Canada and a step in the right direction; and it is hoped that the result will harmonise the present strife and order come out of chaos. Under present conditions, while the sympathy of your committee is with the new organisation, it cannot at this time recommend its recognition by this Grand Chapter." This report was concurred in by Grand Chapter.

Allusion is made in another part of this report to the corps of reviewers of the proceedings of Grand Chapters as a band of brothers. Comp. Levoy, above mentioned, has, presumably with the object of familiarising these brothers of the pen each with the outward semblance of the other, adduced the aid of photography. His report begins with a lifelike counterfeit presentment of himself, which reveals him as a man past middle life, with an intellectual brow and a fine pair of eyes. As, in the course of his review, he comes to each Grand Chapter in turn, he portrays the reviewer. The familiar face of R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett smiles upon us when we turn the pages and come to Canada. This is a pleasant oasis for the reviewer to come upon in the barren desert of statistics, and from his standpoint adds to the value of the report. After dwelling for days—in a literary but not a literal sense—in the company of these brethren, becoming familiar with their opinions and even their mannerisms and eccentricities, it is a pleasure to verify or correct one's impressions, insensibly formed, by the magic aid of the camera.

Marcus Poznansky, Rapid City, Grand High Priest.

George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee

This Grand Chapter has a record of steady progress and general prosperity, in spite of the depressing influence of the war and cheap cotton in 1914. There are 87 Chapters; total membership 5,685 on the 1st January, 1915; net gain in a year, 251. The 86th Annual Convocation was held in Freemasons' Hall, Nashville, on the 25th and 26th January, 1915. M. E. Comp. Charles M. Hunt, Grand High Priest, presided, and made a businesslike address to the assembled delegates. The death of a notable soldier, statesman, and Mason—James Daniel Richardson—was deplored. He was a veteran of the Civil War, for eighteen years a Member of Congress, Grand High Priest of Tennessee in 1883, Grand Master of Tennessee in 1873, Sovereign Grand Commander, etc., etc.

In this Grand Chapter, the visiting of subordinate Chapters is done by a Board of Visitors appointed by the Grand High Priest, and consisting of Grand Chapter Officers and Grand High Priests. In the opinion of the Grand High Priest, however, the official Visitors are not "to force themselves on subordinate Chapters," but are, when invited, to render such assistance as is possible. The visits, he explained, are not made for the purpose of teaching the Chapter officers how to confer degrees, but are more in the nature of a "booster." Reports of their visits were sent in by the members of the board; the results were not in all instances satisfactory; but the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that the mode of visiting or inspecting thus outlined be continued; and their report was adopted.

The Grand High Priest recommended that the custom of printing the Correspondence Report for distribution in the Convocations of the Grand Chapter be discontinued, "as it seems to be a useless expense." The Committee on Ways and Means approved this recommendation, and their report was adopted. This does not affect the printing of the report in the proceedings, and accordingly we find the usual review, ably written by M. E. Comp. James H. McClister, P.G.H.P.

Throughout the proceedings we find no mention of the Alberta difficulty, except in an incidental way. In the review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, the Alberta Grand Chapter has a place—the proceedings at the first Annual Convocation, held at Calgary on the 29th May, 1914, are noticed. It is stated, without comment, that the Grand First Principal and Grand Scribe E. were authorised to take the necessary steps to secure the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta by the Grand Chapters of the world; and at the end of the brief notice, the reviewer says: "This young Grand Chapter starts on its journey with flattering prospects, and we wish it much success in the great work." The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada at the Convocation of February, 1914, are also reviewed, and at some length, but there is no mention of Alberta. This seems to be a left-handed way of granting the recognition sought—if the Correspondence Report is to be regarded as in any way approved by Grand Chapter. The record says: "Comp. James H. McClister, P.G.H.P., submitted the report of the Committee on Correspondence, which was, on motion, ordered (to be) printed with the proceedings."

Samuel Worthington Williams, Harriman, Grand High Priest.

John B. Garrett, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Texas

The Grand Chapter is a vigorous and prosperous one. The notes of harmony, interest, and benevolence, are all to be found in a bulky volume containing the transactions of the 65th Annual Convocation, held in the Masonic Temple, City of Waco, on the 30th November and the 1st and 2nd December, 1914. The retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. D. W. Glasscock, presided and made an inspiring address. The Grand Orator, E. Comp. O. M. Longnecker, followed with an eloquent speech in which he expounded the Masonic doctrine of immortality.

Much is said in the course of the proceedings of the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington, which appears to be an excellent institution. The Grand High Priest says: "The forward step taken by our Grand Chapter, the first and only one to construct and maintain as a Grand Chapter an institution of this character, is being proven by the test of time to be the wisest and most important action taken in the history of this Grand body. . . . The Home for Aged Masons is a concrete realisation of the high ideals of the Royal Craft."

Noteworthy also is the system of inspection of the subordinate Chapters by Grand Visitors, as outlined by the Grand High Priest.

An unusual feature is the existence of a Committee on Work. This Committee reported that it had "been in session six days, imparting esoteric instruction to an enthusiastic and proficient class." A supplemental report was as follows: "We have been in session for two full days, examining applicants for certificates to teach the esoteric work." A list of those to whom certificates had been granted—about 50—was appended. We don't know everything in Canada.

This Grand Chapter had a net gain of 1,142 members during the year June, 1913, to June, 1914; the membership now stands at 20,302; there are 265 Chapters on the roll.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence—Carlton E. Mead, Chairman—presents an able and interesting review of the proceedings of Capitular Grand bodies. Canada is not included—probably Canada's report was one of those not "reaching our desk in time."

The Alberta question was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence for consideration; the Committee to report at the next Convocation to be held at the City of Waco, on the 6th December, 1915.

The report of the proceedings at the December, 1915, Grand Convocation had not been received on the 1st Janu-

ary, 1916, but our acting Grand Scribe E. received from Comp. Carlton E. Mead the following letter, dated the 28th October, 1915: "I have just finished preparing, for our Grand Chapter, my annual report on Fraternal Correspondence and find that the Alberta trouble has received attention in nearly all the Grand Jurisdictions. While some few seem to think that the Alberta Companions were acting within their rights, it was almost the unanimous opinion that they were not entitled to recognition. As I have not gone over the matter with the other members of my committee, I cannot say what the report will be. However, I shall lay the matter before them, and recommend that the application for recognition, at least at this time, be refused. I am inclined to think that it would be best for a Grand Chapter to be established in that Province, but I can not approve of the manner in which it was attempted; and, besides, it seems that there is quite a division among the Companions themselves. In the Western World we do not recognise concurrent territorial jurisdiction, and this must be adjusted."

W. A. Scott, Floresville, Grand High Priest.

T. M. Bartley, Tahoka, Grand Secretary.

Utah

This very young Grand Chapter is a thriving infant; it has five constituent chapters, two at Salt Lake City, one at Ogden, one at Park City, and one at Provo; the aggregate membership at the end of 1914 was 694—an increase of 29 in one year.

All the reports at the Annual Grand Convocation, held at Park City on the 5th May, 1915, shewed a healthy condition—harmony, progress, interest in the work. All the Chapters were visited and assisted by the Grand Officers. The retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Birt G. Blackman, made an excellent address, but there is nothing in it of concern to outsiders, unless it be a paragraph referring to the Alberta difficulty in these words: "Before deciding on the merits of the question,

I have deemed it advisable to ask from the General Grand Chapter of the United States an expression as to what their attitude in the matter will be at the meeting of the General Grand Chapter to be held in San Francisco, California, in September next."

On p. 33 of the printed proceedings it is stated that the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was adopted, and we find it printed in an appendix. We also find (p. 37) that the newly elected and installed Grand High Priest appointed Comp. Arvis Scott Chapman the Committee on Correspondence, i.e., of course, for the coming year. The members of the Committee whose report is printed do not disclose their names, but certain initials—D. C., and S.—appear at the end of some of the divisions of the report. The part of the report which deals with the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada held on the 25th February, 1914, is not initialled; but at the end of the whole series there is a note, over the initial "C," referring to the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada and the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta for 1915. This note is in part as follows: "An effort to organise independently as a Grand Chapter is laudable whenever the subordinate Chapters in a Province or other political division of a country are numerically strong enough and they proceed in an open and a reasonably unanimous manner and solicit the consent and endorsement of the Grand Chapter already occupying the Province. . . . Only six out of the fourteen Chapters are represented in the new Grand Chapter, and three of the six are only partly united with it, as the remaining members of the three are still maintaining their Chapters and are loyal to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and it still has fourteen Chapters loyal to it. There is little doubt that, had the proposition originated as a movement by the Chapters acting after the desirability of the step had been explained to them, they would have united in a request to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and it would have been granted." This statement, if not quite accurate, is a reasonable and fair one, not differing essentially from many

others which have been quoted in this report. The note concludes with this somewhat cryptic paragraph: "I will not attempt a discussion of the motives of those who were the leaders in the movement, nor of the exhibition of spleen shewn by the Chairman of the Executive Committee (Canada) in his fling at some of the Correspondents of United States Grand Chapters. *Whatever we write is an expression of our opinion or judgment; our work is not endorsed by our several Grand Chapters. We often disagree, but are loyal to the Guild.*" The italics are the present reviewer's. The statement is certainly an extraordinary one. As already pointed out, this report was not only received but *adopted* by Grand Chapter.

Howard P. Kirtley, Salt Lake City, Grand High Priest.

Walter Daniels, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

Vermont

On taking up the volume containing the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont—instituted in 1804—one cannot fail to be struck by the evidences of care and thoughtful consideration in its preparation and compilation. All the reports, addresses, and resolutions are couched in excellent English; and the Grand Secretary is evidently an accomplished proof-reader. The reviewer, necessarily reading many reports of varying degrees of excellence, finds refreshment, apart from the matter, in well-worded and correctly printed paragraphs.

The 98th Annual Convocation was held at Burlington on the 11th June, 1915. The address of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Don A. Stone, contains many excellent sayings, some of them of interest beyond the confines of Vermont. Two are now extracted:—

"I have learned that one Chapter has been conferring the Capitular degrees upon clergymen without fee. Such practice is not only irregular and unfair to the other Companions, but is prohibited by the General Grand

Chapter. I would like to see more clergymen members of the Masonic Fraternity, but they should be sufficiently interested to pay the same as a lay candidate for the privileges and benefits which such membership confers upon them. It is human nature to value a thing somewhat in proportion to its cost, and it has been the experience of the Chapter to which I have referred that those who have received their degrees 'without money and without price' have apparently appraised those degrees at the same valuation. That which has cost them nothing is worth nothing to them."

"Having occasion to look up something in the Constitution of this Grand Chapter during the past year I found there 'wan't none.' I recommend that a Committee be appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for this Grand Chapter and present the same at the next Annual Convocation for adoption."

These portions of the Grand High Priest's address were referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who reported "that the practice of conferring degrees on clergymen without fee . . . is fully covered by existing law, which requires that a stated fee shall be paid by all candidates." Upon the other point, which was startling to the reader, the Committee was "of the opinion that the General Regulations and Standing Resolutions now in force and published in the Grand Chapter proceedings are sufficient to meet all requirements and answer all questions that may arise." This report was *adopted* by Grand Chapter.

The Statistical Report of the Grand Secretary shewed 30 existing Chapters; aggregate membership at date of report, 4,486; net gain in a year, 28.

The work of the Grand Lecturer and of the eight District Deputy Grand High Priests was commended by Grand Chapter.

A good deal of attention was given to the Alberta difficulty. On p. 26 of the proceedings, we find this

paragraph: "M. E. Comp. Marsh O. Perkins, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented the report of that Committee. On motion the report was accepted. . . . Comp. Perkins, who is himself the 'Committee on Correspondence,' availed himself of the opportunity to set forth very clearly the controversy between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the (so-called) Grand Chapter of Alberta. While it was apparent that the speaker personally believed Alberta justified in her contention, yet, in the hope that the difficulty might be peacefully settled by the parties themselves, he thought it wise not to recognise formally the new Grand Chapter at this time, and Grand Chapter so agreed."

Turning to Comp. Perkins's "Report on Correspondence," we find the Alberta matter discussed under the head of "Canada" and again at the conclusion of the report, where it is said: "(1) The attitude of the Grand Chapter of Canada appears to us to savour altogether too much of the arbitrary, unwarranted position of Scotland in dealing with Australasian Grand Bodies. (2) We believe our Companions of Alberta are as fully qualified to determine for themselves when the time is ripe for 'home rule' as the Grand Chapter of Canada. (3) They have complied with established usage and law in the erection of their Grand Chapter." With the proposition which we have taken the liberty of numbering (1), we neither agree nor disagree—it is *nihil ad rem.* Proposition (2) is literally sound, but no inference favourable to the action of the Alberta seceders should be drawn from it. From proposition (3) we must respectfully dissent; and we fear that it is founded on the old heresy that a Province of the Dominion is in the same position as a State of the Union. Indeed, Comp. Perkins gives us *aliunde* some ground for thinking that he is not fully alive to the distinction: we observe that he divides his Report on Correspondence into two parts—the first containing reviews of the proceedings of State Grand Chapters, interspersed with those of Canadian Grand Chapters, Canada, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick; the second part is headed "Foreign Grand Chapters," and

includes England and Wales, Ireland, Scotland, New South Wales, New Zealand, and Victoria. Surely Canada is " foreign " if these are " foreign." We are flattered by the adoption, and indeed it is hard to feel that we are " foreign " to so near a neighbour as Vermont; but the apparent confusion in the mind of Comp. Perkins is not without significance.

Having said this much, we may express unqualified admiration for the rest of the report, which is eminently fair and makes entertaining reading.

Harry J. Stannard, Barton, Grand High Priest.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Victoria

The proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria for 1914-1915 are set forth in a small volume. Quarterly Convocations were held at Freemasons' Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, on the 15th July, 1914, 21st October, 1914, 20th January, 1915, and 21st April, 1915. At all these Convocations, M. E. Comp. Edward Coulson, Grand Z., presided; at the last one, M. E. Comp. The Rev. Albert Thomas Holden, Past Z., being the only Companion nominated for the office, was declared duly elected as First Grand Principal for the ensuing year, and was duly installed. The other Grand Officers were also elected and installed. The President of the Committee on General Purposes is one of the officers. This committee reported that the number of members on the roll on the 31st December, 1914, was 916, being 66 more than at the end of the previous year. There are 20 Chapters registered under the Supreme Grand Chapter; all Chapters had furnished returns and paid Grand Chapter dues to the 31st December, 1914. The Grand Treasurer stated that the balance to the credit of Grand Chapter was £161.5.11 on current account, and £150 on fixed deposit.

The Alberta difficulty was before the Grand Chapter at its October, 1914, Convocation. The Committee on General Purposes recommended that, "for the present, no action be taken;" and this was adopted. The following statement of the President of the Committee is worth quoting: "A number of Royal Arch Companions had met in the city of Calgary, Canada, and constituted themselves a Grand Chapter of Alberta, had elected their First Grand Principal and officers, and registered 8 of the 15 Chapters then holding warrants from the Grand Chapter of Canada. It seemed reasonable, owing to the great distance (4,162 miles) from Toronto, where the Grand Chapter of Canada usually met, that a new Grand Chapter should be formed; but Companions attending the Convocation were not unanimous; and the committee is of opinion that proper steps were not taken by first approaching the Grand Chapter of Canada, whose province they were about to annex."

There is very little in the minuted proceedings to interest the Royal Craft in other jurisdictions—there is no Report on Correspondence.

The Rev. A. T. Holden, Grand Z.

George L. Marquand, 317 Collins Street, Melbourne, Grand Scribe E.

Virginia

Both profit and pleasure have resulted to the reviewer from a perusal of the printed account of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Virginia—verily an ancient Grand Chapter, for the Convocation holden at Richmond on the 27th and 28th October, 1914, was the 107th Annual Convocation of that esteemed body. M. E. Comp. J. W. C. Bryant, Grand High Priest, presided, and delivered an address characterised by commendable candour and simplicity. "It is indeed gratifying to report," he says, "that the increase in membership during the year has kept pace with that of former years. The net increase in membership . . . was 283. Whilst the exaltations for the year were not quite so many as for the

previous year, yet the affiliations were about 50 per cent. greater, and the suspension for non-payment of dues about 50 per cent. less, evidencing a most healthy and satisfactory condition of the Craft in this grand old jurisdiction." There are 68 chartered Chapters, and the membership on the 1st October, 1914, aggregated 7,341.

In his address the Grand High Priest referred to many matters—among others the Virginia Masonic Home, the work of the Grand Lecturer, and the reports of the District Deputy Grand High Priests.

On the second day of the meeting, the Grand Chapter resolved itself into a Grand Committee of the Whole and considered and reported upon all the matters dealt with in the various reports—a distinctive feature of this Grand Chapter; the report was adopted.

A new arrangement of districts was reported upon and adopted.

Another distinctive feature is mentioned in the "foreword" to the report on Fraternal Correspondence, prepared by E. Comp. Joseph W. Eggleston: "Virginia is one of the few Grand Chapters not affiliated with the General Grand Chapter, and we have never yet met a Virginian Royal Arch Mason who wished conditions altered. It was established by consent of the Grand Lodge in 1808."

The whole report is excellent and most interesting.

The Special Committee on the address of the Grand High Priest, taking up the Alberta trouble, to which he had referred, recommended that "this Grand Chapter, holding close and fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Canada, *declines* to take action with a view to recognising at present a Grand Chapter in the Province of Alberta." This report was approved and adopted.

Isaac H. Adams jun., Lynchburg, Grand High Priest.

James Braxton Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.

Washington

The 30th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Washington was held at Walla Walla on the 21st and 22nd September, 1914. The address of the Grand High Priest for 1913-14, M. E. Comp. John C. Minton, while excellent in quality and tone, contains nothing of special interest beyond the domestic circle—it is, as the Grand High Priest says, a record of his official acts. A paper on Masonry in the Philippines was read at this Convocation and is printed in the proceedings; it is quite interesting. Consideration of the Alberta question was deferred until the next Convocation, to be held at Vancouver on the 20th and 21st September, 1915. "Vancouver," by the way, is not a misprint; there is a Vancouver in the State of Washington; and there, upon the days appointed, the 31st Convocation was held, as we learn from a brief summary forwarded by the Grand Secretary. At the 1914 Convocation, M. E. Comp. Henry L. Kennan was elected and installed as Grand High Priest; and at the 1915 Convocation, M. E. Comp. Charles Paine Kimball.

The Committee on Jurisprudence at the 1914 Convocation recommended that the Alberta question be laid over till the next Convocation, and that recommendation was adopted. The matter came up at the 1915 Convocation: Comp. Nathan S. Porter, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the Grand Chapter of Washington, writes to our Grand Scribe E. that at that Convocation "the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, recommending the approval of the acts and the position of the Grand Z. of Canada, was unanimously adopted."

The subordinate Chapters number 38; the aggregate membership in 1914 was 4,378; net gain in a year 226. In 1915, the membership increased to 4,585; net gain in a year, 207.

The Report on Correspondence (1914) is ably written by the Grand Secretary; the Grand Chapter of Canada receives a great deal of favourable attention at his

hands. At the end of his summary of the work of all the Grand Chapters, he says: "New South Wales and New Zealand are still hoping that Scotland will recognise each as a sovereign body; and, nearer home, we have the new Chapter of Alberta asking for recognition and a protest by the mother, Canada, as to the way and manner of organisation. With the above exceptions, the Royal Arch world is quiet and peaceful; and we sincerely hope that ere we close our next report the whole of Europe will be done fighting and that universal peace will be the result of the awful carnage which is now taking place." It is to be noted that this is Comp. Blalock's 24th Annual Report on Correspondence.

Comp. Blalock's wish for peace had not been fulfilled, of course, when he wrote his 25th annual report. This is to be found in the printed proceedings of the 31st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Washington, some particulars of which we have already noted above—we hardly expected so prompt an appearance of the printed volume, which reached us about the middle of November. Perhaps the chief point of interest—as may be the case with all the Grand Chapters whose Annual Convocations were held after the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States—is in reference to the doings of that important body. Comp. Blalock, we suppose, was not present at its deliberations; at any rate he does not profess to review its proceedings. But the retiring Grand High Priest, whose election at the 1914 Convocation we have already recorded, M. E. Comp. Henry L. Kennan, was present, and he gives his impressions in his address. In treating of the difficulty arising in regard to the Grand Chapter of Scotland, he quotes the reply sent by the Scottish Grand Scribe E. to the General Grand High Priest, on the 21st June, 1915, which is merely a transcript of the resolution of the Supreme Committee of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, as follows: "On an ad interim report of Grand Scribe E., he was instructed to reply to the body known as the General Grand Chapter of America . . . that the Supreme Grand Chapter, while it would not entertain a proposal to withdraw the R. A. Chapter in connection

with the Scottish Lodge in Manila, had no present intention of granting charters to any other Chapters in the Philippine Islands, and that they regretted that in the absence of the First Grand Principal and other Grand Office-bearers, as well as many of the members of the Supreme Grand Chapter, in the present life and death struggle of the Empire, they did not feel able to discuss any question following the difference of opinion of the well-beloved brethren in the United States." Following the action of the General Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest of Washington recommended "that this Grand Chapter declare non-intercourse with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland and all Royal Arch Masons under its jurisdiction until such time as the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America resumes friendly relations with the said Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter." We have not been able to find in the formal record of the proceedings of Grand Chapter anything to shew what action was taken by Grand Chapter upon this recommendation; but Comp. Blalock, at the conclusion of his Correspondence Report, says that it was *adopted*.

The Grand High Priest also referred in his address to the Alberta difficulty; whereupon a reference was made to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported as follows: "Your committee are of the opinion that this Grand Chapter should recognise the action taken by the Grand Chapter of Canada in their controversy with the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta, declaring it to be a clandestine organisation, and would recommend that such action be affirmed and concurred in by this Grand Chapter." This recommendation was *adopted*.

The Report on Correspondence for 1915, to which we have already referred is in all respects excellent. Under "Canada," the Alberta question is exhaustively and sympathetically dealt with.

Charles Paine Kimball, Bremerton, Grand High Priest

Yancey Crawford Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

West Virginia

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia now before the reviewer, in the usual neatly printed volume, are those of the 44th Annual Convocation, held in the city of Bluefield on the 9th and 10th November, 1914. No doubt, the 45th Annual Convocation has been held, but the report of it has not yet been sent out. The year which preceded the 44th Convocation was apparently an uneventful one. The records shew an increase in the aggregate membership of the 39 chartered Chapters—there is one under dispensation—from 5,943 to 6,338, a gain of 395. Three portraits adorn the volume: that of M. E. Comp. William T. Rittenhouse, Grand High Priest for 1913-14, who presided at the 44th Annual Convocation, that of M. E. Comp. William Taylor Workman, who was elected and installed as Grand High Priest for 1914-15—a brief sketch of his life faces his portrait; and that of M. E. Comp. J. M. McConihay, P.G.H.P., elected Grand Secretary in the room and stead of M. E. Comp. D. K. Reed, who retired. The Report on Correspondence is written by the latter; but Comp. McConihay, we note, succeeds him as Foreign Correspondent also.

From the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence it appears that up to the time of the meeting (November, 1914) the seceding Alberta Companions had not asked the West Virginia Chapter for recognition as a Grand Chapter, although the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada had sent a communication in regard to the assumption by those Companions of the style of a Grand Chapter. Comp. Reed's Report on Correspondence, under the head of "Canada, 1914," sets out a large portion of the address of M. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, Grand Z., dealing with the Alberta difficulty—without comment.

Comp. Reed has shewn great industry in the collection of materials for his annual review. He will doubtless be missed from the brotherhood of reviewers.

The foregoing remarks were penned in September, 1915; in December, the report of the 1915 proceedings

came to hand—the 45th Grand Annual Convocation, held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Fairmont, on the 8th and 9th November, 1915. M. E. Comp. William Taylor Workman, Grand High Priest, presided. His successor, duly elected and installed, was the Grand King, Albert Bertram Calfee Bray, a successful banker of the city of Ronceverte, as we learn from a short biography which is given in the front of the volume now before us, with a portrait. The address of Grand High Priest Workman deals with the usual topics and does not call for comment.

There are now 40 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation; the total membership has grown to 6,777; and all is harmony and prosperity.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by Past Grand High Priest McConihay, whose work appears to us to be excellent. He so far recognises the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta as to notice its proceedings in 1915, but he adds this significant paragraph: "As yet the Grand Chapter of Alberta has not received fraternal recognition from any other Grand Chapter. West Virginia will watch and wait." When he comes to "Canada," he gives a further account of the matter by extracts from our report for 1915, but makes no comment.

M. E. Comp. David K. Reed was allowed only one year's holiday. We note that he was re-elected Grand Secretary at this Convocation; while there is a brand-new Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Comps. Kephart D. Walker and James A. Bryan. No explanation of these changes is given.

Albert Bertram Calfee Bray, Ronceverte, Grand High Priest.

David K. Reed, Clarksburg, Grand Secretary.

Wisconsin

The paper on which the report of the Wisconsin Grand Chapter is printed and the print itself are super-excellent.

These features are not by any means the only ones to be commended in the volume that lies before the reviewer; but they would go a long way towards making him content with even an indifferent report. The Wisconsin proceedings, however, while not of exceptional interest to the outside Masonic public, make good reading. The Grand Chapter is a strong one. At the 65th Annual Convocation, held in the *Scottish Rite Cathedral*, Milwaukee, on the 16th and 17th February, 1915, the presiding Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Frank E. Noyes, congratulated the assembled representatives on the prosperous condition of the Order. "Eighty-six chartered Chapters and two under dispensation claim allegiance to this body, with an increase during the year of 568 members, and a total enrolment of 11,678." The lapses of subordinate bodies receive attention in all reports made to Grand bodies. The following words in the Grand High Priest's address refer to something which is now and then heard of in nearly all jurisdictions, it may be supposed, something which has to be delicately treated in print: "Rumours continue to reach me that some of the Chapters are not living up strictly to the regulations of the Grand Chapter and that too harsh treatment is imposed upon candidates in some places. . . . The lessons of Royal Arch Masonry cannot be impressively inculcated by horse-play, which detracts from the work and produces the very opposite of the impressions intended. Such practices cannot be too forcibly condemned. The dignity of Royal Arch Masonry should be maintained at all times and under all conditions." This is admirably expressed!

The Grand Lecturer submitted an interesting report, in which he evinced the possession of a streak of pawky humour. On the whole, he found the work of the Chapters in a satisfactory condition—the past year, he said, had been one of much activity.

The General Committee, to which were referred certain matters mentioned in the address of the Grand High Priest, recommended "that the matter of conflicting jurisdiction in Alberta, Canada, and the application of a body calling itself the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

of Alberta for formal recognition, as well as the protest against such recognition coming from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence with directions to investigate the facts and law in respect to the matters contained in such application and protest and report the same to this Grand Body at its next annual session." This report was adopted. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence has, of course, not yet reported; but he (the committee is a committee of one) has referred to the matter in his report for 1914 (prepared no doubt before the reference), in which he exhibits a tendency to controvert the opinions of M. E. Comp. MacWatt, then Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada. This is under the head of "Canada." At the end of the report, under the head of "Alberta," the proceedings of the self-styled Grand Chapter of Alberta, as published in a little volume, are noted, and then comes this paragraph: "We have no accurate information relating to this alleged new Grand Chapter save the pamphlet referred to, and a strenuous protest issued by some of the officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada, who seem to chance their success upon their vehemence rather than their logic. So we here speak of its establishment more as an interesting unconfirmed rumour than as an assumed fact." The reviewer is M. E. Comp. Samuel Wright, P.G.H.P., and, as we learn from the address of the Grand High Priest, he has done the reviewing for a number of years past. He is also a humourist—his report is very pleasant reading.

Walter A. Clark, Menomonie, Grand High Priest.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Wyoming

Of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming there is little to record. The State is a large one—a State of magnificent distances, as the Grand High Priest says in his address—the Chapters are few and scattered, the membership small and not at present rapidly increasing. From the address of the Grand High Priest,

M. E. Comp. Otto Gramm, at the 7th Annual Convocation, held in Green River, on the 11th March, 1915, we make this extract: "We have much to be thankful for, and it is indeed gratifying that, though there has not been much of an increase in membership, the foundation has been laid for the bringing of an increased membership; and in the great feeling of brotherly love and esteem that exists throughout the State we are rich indeed." And from the conclusion of the Report on Correspondence—ably prepared, but, we venture to think, at too great length, by M. E. Comp. Adrian J. Parshall, P.G.H.P.—we cull these remarks: "Capitular Masonry cannot be said to be in a prosperous condition in Wyoming just at this time. From its very organisation, 45 years since, which was but two years after the organisation of the Territory of Wyoming, it has had its years of satisfactory progress, followed by those of apathy. Progress in the development of the resources of the State has had its influence on the growth of the Craft. Causes which have brought about business depressions in our midst have necessarily had a like influence on Orders supported by our citizenship. . . . We have met every reverse so far. Our vitality and youthful energy will enable us to continue to do so, and we are fast recovering from the blows dealt us. Every step to improve our condition will be gained at the end of a struggle, but will be gained. Prosperity in Wyoming cannot be held back—its citizenship is not composed of that class of workers. Another season will see its ship on the crest of the wave, and close to its lee will be seen that of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, taking advantage of conditions and growing in usefulness and power. We are here to stay, to expand, and to become great." The Grand High Priest's final word is: "It has been an uneventful year—very little business or difficulties to straighten out. Peace and goodwill have prevailed." A brave and truly Masonic spirit is touchingly revealed.

There are 12 Chapters; membership, 950; net gain in a year, 5.

The Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers, to whom was referred the protest of the Grand Chapter of

Canada against the recognition of the (proposed) Grand Chapter of Alberta, recommended that recognition be deferred, "feeling that this is a matter for the Grand Chapter of Canada and the proposed Grand Chapter of Alberta to arrange and decide between themselves." This recommendation was adopted. The matter is also touched upon in the Report on Correspondence, thus: "The lack of harmony in this particular instance is not considered by us as serious. A division of territory has been talked of in many of the recent reports of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and recognised as desirable in the early future. It is to be expected that those living at such great distance from the Masonic See of Canada, who are necessarily deprived of many of the advantages enjoyed by those living in the eastern portion of the Dominion, should at an early date organise a Grand Chapter in their own region. The great trouble appears to have been that authority was neither asked nor given by the governing body for such departure. We sincerely hope that the same condition may not arise that has given the Companions of the Australasian Provinces so much trouble with Scotland."

Charles H. Townsend, Casper, Grand High Priest.

Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

CONCLUSION

In the foregoing pages, the contents of some 55 volumes have been reviewed—the proceedings of 52 Grand Chapters, some of them for two years, 1914 and 1915. The notable omissions are the Grand Chapters of England and Wales, Massachusetts, and Maine. Prayers and entreaties have failed to bring forth a response from any of these jurisdictions. There is also no authorised version of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

While deeply regretting the existence of a "difficulty" of our own, we cannot help seeing, as we read the com-

ments of other reviewers, that the "Alberta trouble" has been a god-send to them. Even those who profess to reprobate the vigorous language used by M. E. Comp. MacWatt and R. E. Comp. Bennett, in dealing with the "seceders," evidently enjoy it.

Our study of the resolutions of Grand Chapters and the comments of reviewers has made some things clear. First, no Grand Chapter has officially recognised the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta. Second, sympathy has been felt and expressed for the seceding Alberta Companions, upon the ground that their aspiration is natural and commendable. Third, the general opinion is, that the present difficulty must be settled by negotiation. Fourth, that a separate Grand Chapter for Alberta must some day be established, is the prevalent view.

There is no occasion to express either concurrence or non-concurrence with these views and opinions. They have a certain interest for us, but an interest of a more or less academic kind. They are to be found, in the quoted words of resolutions and reports, scattered through the preceding pages. But the duty of the Grand Chapter of Canada is a plain one. It must act as a wise parent acts in the interest of his children, actual and potential. It must not be forgotten—and indeed it has not been forgotten in the official deliverances of our Past Grand First Principals—that Alberta is not the only Province which may desire a separate organisation. A judicious parent who has but one child will look to the possibility of additions to his family when providing for the welfare of the existing offspring—he will not endow the existent to the exclusion of the potential. How the separation of Alberta from the rest of Canada would affect, say, British Columbia—which is still farther away from the centre of the circle than Alberta—is a point for the consideration of the Grand Chapter of Canada. There are many other points to consider when separation is talked about. As to the spirit in which they should be considered, there can be no difference of opinion. The true Masonic spirit is the spirit of charity—of love. Tolerance and forgiveness of errors are of course included. In this spirit, an agree-

ment will in time be reached which will settle the difficulty. It is needless to say that there are two sides to a dispute, and if that dispute is to be settled the same spirit must be shewn by both sides.

Some idea of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at its Triennial Convocation at San Francisco in September last, may be obtained from a perusal of the portions of the present review headed "Indiana," "Ohio," and "Washington."

In conclusion, the 'prentice reviewer desires to express his thanks to the Grand First Principal for his appointment to temporary office. The duty undertaken, though but imperfectly discharged, has been a pleasant one. Every fresh volume was taken up with anticipation of novelty and interest—an anticipation seldom disappointed. Criticism of a kind may be found in some of the pages of this review, but not, it may confidently be asserted, carping criticism; and far more praise than blame is accorded, and deservedly accorded, in cases where it seemed fitting to express an opinion.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD B. BROWN.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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Maryland	1915
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